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The latest public face on Louisiana's great coastal disappearing act is Mr. Bill, a Play-Doh character who made NBC's Saturday Night Live one of the most talked about shows in American television during the late 1970s. The brainchild of New Orleans native Walter Williams, Mr. Bill has been enlisted in the decades-old struggle to bring national attention and federal dollars to the fight to save our wetlands.

Louisiana:

They're trying to wash us away

By now most Louisiana residents understand the seriousness of the state's coastal wetlands loss.

Since 1930, the state has lost more than 1,900 square miles of land, an area larger than Delaware, and continues to lose more than 30 square miles a year. That's an area roughly the size of Ruston/Grambling, home of Louisiana Tech and Grambling State universities.

Recently state officials launched a campaign to focus national attention on Louisiana's wetlands. As part of that effort they are looking to a spokesperson with universal appeal, someone who can communicate the seriousness while transcending generational, gender and ethnic lines.

Mr. Bill, one of Louisiana's native sons, fits the role perfectly.

Baby Boomers may remember the diminutive Play-Doh man from his television appearances on Saturday Night Live in the late '70s. In the short films on SNL, Mr. Bill, with help from Sluggo and Mr. Hands, usually ended up being chopped, hacked, dismembered or pureed, all to the plaintive cry of "Ohh noooooo!"

Walter Williams, the New Orleans native who created the clay man, said Mr. Bill is the perfect spokesman for America's Wetlands.

"Mr. Bill is a nationally known character, who

appeals to children and adults and will bring attention to the situation," Williams said. "He is known for getting into predicaments and the Louisiana coastal situation certainly qualifies. Plus, he is home grown, having been created in New Orleans."

The economic and human consequences of the wetlands destruction are staggering.

Salt-water intrusion into the Mississippi River could bankrupt hundreds of industrial plants, causing the loss of thousands of high-paying factory jobs. As coastal island and land buffers are lost, New Orleans, Morgan City, Houma, Thibodaux and Lake Charles would all be vulnerable to killer hurricanes that could produce death tolls in the thousands.

The combined voices of coastal residents, environmentalists and sportsmen have been warning of the impending peril for more than three decades. State officials are now asking Congress to fund a \$14 billion, 30-year project to restore the Louisiana coast, which for years has supplied America's energy needs, as well as habitat for migratory waterfowl and is home to the nation's largest fisheries.

Mr. Bill came to the attention of coastal advocates in a roundabout way.

"I wanted to do a documentary about New Orleans that could be used by schools," Williams said. "I thought I'd do a story about

the culture and music, but I found the most interesting story was really the natural history of the area.

"The land we're living on is newer than the Egyptian pyramids. It's only 3,000 years old and the land at Southwest Pass is less than 600."

Williams' 2002 documentary called "New Orleans - The Natural History" was broadcast by PBS and used by the Army Corps of Engineers, the US Geological Survey, universities and state officials to illustrate the erosion and sediment loss problems associated with the delta and marshes.

America's Wetlands, the name given to a state-sponsored initiative to attract national support, saw Williams' New Orleans film and asked for his input.

"America's Wetlands was not even aware that I was the creator of Mr. Bill," Williams said. "That just came up in conversation, but when they found out, they asked me to use Mr. Bill to do educational spots for kids."

"I'm from New Orleans. I was already interested in wetlands issues and having my character involved in a children's education movement. It all kind of wove together."

Williams said the 30-second spots are television production quality, but will be Internet-based.

The spots, scheduled to start this summer, will

feature Mr. Bill interacting with "The Estuarians," a group of wetland inhabitants who live in the Louisiana estuary.

The gang of nine Estuarians consists of sea and marsh creatures with names like Murky the Mudcat, Salty the Shrimp and Sally Starfish.

Williams said that each of the characters will learn, through humor, why their environment is changing and what's causing the change.

"For instance, Mr. Bill is fishing on the levee and he brings up Murky the Catfish. Murky explains to Mr. Bill how he likes the mud, but the sediment is not being allowed to flow over the swamps. Murky exits and Mr. Hands casts the hook again, which latches onto a paddle-wheel boat and Mr. Bill goes flying off to 'Ohh nooooo!'" Williams chuckled.

Val Marmilion, chief advertising consultant for the America's Wetlands campaign, is ecstatic about landing Mr. Bill as spokesman.

"Mr. Bill is a generational bridge," he said. "Parents are familiar with the character and the kids will get the newness of the Estuarian characters."

Marmilion said that the Internet-based project, called "Mr. Bill America's Wetland World Tour," will also feature lessons, games and other activities children, teachers and the public can access.

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A conversation with Mr. Bill

MB: Hi Mr. Bill, I'm Mr. Sam from The Market Bulletin and ...

Mr. Bill: The Market Bulletin!? Wow that's my favorite ag mag, yea! Thanks for having me.

MB: Mr. Bill, are you made of clay or Play-Doh?

Mr. Bill: Play-Doh, of course. The girls really dig the smell. Hey..heyyy!

MB: Did you know that Play-Doh dissolves in water?

Mr. Bill: That's right, but if I stay out in the sun long enough, it kind of bakes me and hardens me and it's not so bad. Just have to make sure I pour on the sunscreen.

MB: Still sounds pretty dangerous with all the new open water that's ...

Mr. Bill: Yeah, but not as dangerous as all the stunts I've been doing for years. I'll take coastal erosion over a fork in the head any day.

MB: But I hate to think what salt water can do ...

Mr. Bill: Yeah, if it gets in my eyes, it really stings ... but not as much as that toxic stuff that comes down the river.

MB: And how does that color your feelings about coastal erosion?

Mr. Bill: It colors me blue. It's sad to see such a beautiful and important place vanish before my Play-Doh eyes.

MB: We don't think the nation would be able to handle the tragedy if something happened to you.

Mr. Bill: Oh, sure they could, but my dog Spot would sure have a tough time.

MB: Are politicians acting with feet of clay when they confront Louisiana's coastal erosion problem?

Mr. Bill: Yes indeed and pretty soon they're going to be acting with feet with flippers on.

MB: Mr. Bill, why should someone who does not live near the coastline care about Louisiana's coastline erosion?

Mr. Bill: Well, it's kinda hard to grow shrimp in Missouri ... and you're definitely not going to see birds if they don't have a place to nest and it sure is going to be hard to drive your car without oil ... you know the country's strategic oil reserves are in Louisiana, and the pipes are going to burst being exposed to open water. It's gonna' be bad for everybody ... and believe me I know bad.

MB: Mr. Bill, what is the coolest thing about being the spokesPlay-Dohman for America's

Wetlands?

Mr. Bill: Oh, boy! It sure is fun being a celebrity spokesman, 'cause I get to hang out with this cool new group of characters called The Estuarians. And talk about characters ... these guys and gals are about as zany as my friends from SNL. We're filming a bunch of new public service announcements for the America's Wetlands program, and they're always pulling some kind of gag on me.

MB: Tell me a little about working with the Estuarians?

Mr. Bill: Eddy the Eagle, he's pretty territorial, but he gives me a lift if I need a ride into town.

MB: I heard that working with Salty the Shrimp is a little difficult ...

Mr. Bill: Yeah, he's got a bit of a 'tude ... and that foul mouth ... no wonder they call him Salty. Well, he used to be a sailor. If you look close enough he's got a few tattoos.

MB: Sandy the Starfish is kinda cute ...

Mr. Bill: She's a cutie. Used to be a singer out in Vegas and then tried making it on the West Coast. Now she's hanging out with the gang on the south coast.

MB: Are any of the Estuarians, well, mean to you?

Mr. Bill: Ohh Nooooo! Well, not intentionally. Of course, I have so many accidents, something bad always seems to happen. I don't really

blame them, but maybe I'd better keep an eye on them ... I told you about their practical jokes.

MB: Mr. Bill, do you eat seafood? How does that affect your working relationship with Salty the Shrimp and Murky the Catfish?

Mr. Bill: Oh, boy, I do love boiled shrimp, but Salty doesn't mind since none of his friends are involved, because the shrimp I eat are mostly from Asia. I do have to lay off the crabs, though ... one tried to pinch my head off. Ohh Nooooo!

MB: Mr. Bill, would you like to see the new tractor and bush hog the Department of Agriculture and Forestry bought? Isn't it nice?

Mr. Bill: Tractor and bushhog? Uh, those blades sure are whirring pretty fast and ...

MB: Oh, wait a second, Mr. Bill. I have a phone call.

Mr. Bill: No wait, the tractor's starting to move! Those blades are getting closer ... !!!

MB: So are there any parting comments, Mr. Bill?

Mr. Bill: Ohh Nooooooo!!



Mr. Bill's creator, Walter Williams, and 'The Estuarians.'

Native son comes home

Before achieving national television success with his Mr. Bill Play-Doh character on Saturday Night Live, Walter Williams grew up in New Orleans.

He became aware of the wetlands problem as a kid when his family visited a camp at Grand Isle for the summer. The next summer when they returned, the camp was out in the open water.

"I thought, 'Gee, who moved the camp?'" said Williams with a laugh during a recent phone interview. "It wasn't the camp that moved. It was the shoreline."

Williams was born and raised on Magazine Street in uptown New Orleans. He went to school at McDonough No.147 and graduated from Ben Franklin High School in 1971. "I think I was voted 'Most Likely Not to Succeed,' but I still got the ring."

His southern summers were typically spent riding his bike to Audubon Park and fishing in the lagoon.

He attended the University of New Orleans, but dropped out to make his own films after helping his sister's boyfriend on a low-budget feature film in New Orleans. Williams used a Super 8 camera to make his first Mr. Bill film, a parody of bad animation movies and other comedy shorts that he used to show around town. "I had a little show on Channel 26, a radio show, the live shows at bars. Fortunately, I didn't have an aptitude for anything so I went into comedy."

He entered his short subjects in an open

call contest from Saturday Night Live for home movies and won. Mr. Bill became a fixture on the popular comedy show from 1976 through 1980 and Williams was a SNL staff writer until the original cast moved on in 1980.

"I sent in a reel of films and they picked Mr. Bill," said Williams. "They first aired it on February 20-something, 1976, which happened to be the same weekend as Mardi Gras. Saturday Night Live was preempted that night in New Orleans, but the local affiliate let me come and watch it. No one believed it was on. But it was."

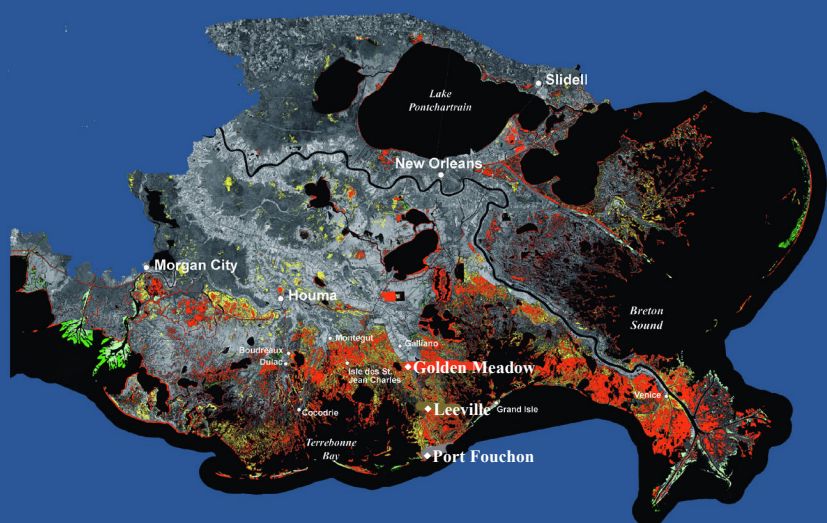
Growing up in New Orleans subconsciously made Williams curious about water issues.

"I wasn't fixated on the wetlands problem," he said. "Somebody said there were enormous pipes pumping water out underneath Napoleon Avenue where we played touch football. I never put my foot in the river, but you were always conscious of it. I mean, water above your head all the time. You had to be aware of it."

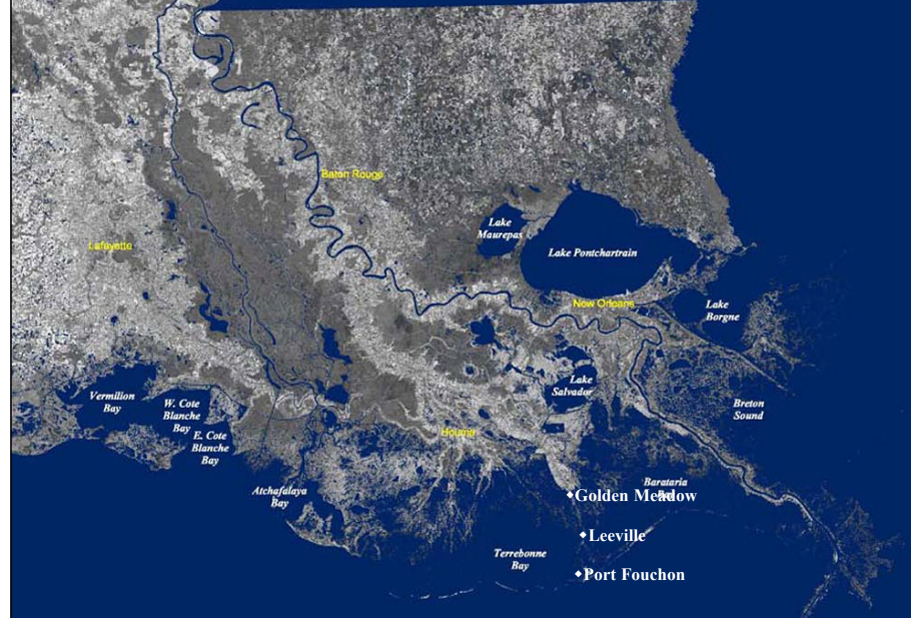
Williams now lives near Los Angeles in the Sierra Nevada Mountains and has continued to make animated films and short subjects. He has made national commercials for Pizza Hut, Ramada Inn, Lexus and Burger King as well as 40 episodes "Ohh Noooo!!! Mr. Bill Presents" for the Fox Family Channel.

You can learn more about Mr. Bill and Williams and purchase or view Williams' video, "New Orleans - The Natural History," at www.mrbill.com.

Shoreline 1932



Predicted 2050 Shoreline



Agriculture & Forestry Today with Commissioner Bob Odom

— Annual statewide shade-tree seedling sale begins March 1 —

The annual shade-tree seedling sale sponsored by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) will be held March 1-5, at district forestry offices throughout the state, according to Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom.

In Lafayette, dates will be Feb. 26 - March 6.

District offices are located in Baton Rouge, Hammond, Clinton, DeRidder, Oberlin, Woodworth, Natchitoches, Haughton, Monroe and at City Park in New Orleans. Some dis-

tricts will hold sales in locations in addition to the district office. Dates and times will vary and will be publicized locally, Odom said.

"We suggest that interested individuals look for local publicity on the sale or call the LDAF district office in their area to find out exact times and places seedlings will be available," Odom said.

Two types of seedling packets will be available. The pine packet will contain 20 seedlings and cost \$3. The other packet will contain a

total of six trees, including two bald cypress and one each of red maple, Chinese elm, green ash and river birch, also for \$3. Packet species' content may vary in some cases, depending on availability.

All seedlings will be year-old, bare-root seedlings. They will be available on a first come, first served basis and cannot be reserved in advance. "Some years we sell out of certain species before the week is out, especially some of the hardwoods, so we encourage people to

come early during the sale," Odom said.

Species are native to Louisiana and are well suited to the state's growing conditions. All are large trees at maturity and should be planted on sites where their limbs will not interfere with overhead utility lines or structures, and their roots will not interfere with sewer lines, slab foundations, walkways or driveways as they mature.

Instructions for planting and care of the seedlings are included with the packets.

CATTLE

No grade sires listed in the interest of better livestock. All dairy cattle 20 mos. of age, beef cattle 24 mos. of age, or pastured or post pastured animals of any age offered for sale, except for immediate slaughter, must have valid 30-day negative brucellosis test certificate. Contact La. Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry, P.O. Box 1951, Baton Rouge, La. 70821-1951.

REMINDER: Have all of your heifer calves between four and 12 months of age vaccinated against brucellosis. For information contact your local veterinarian, LDAF animal health personnel, your parish Cattlemen's Association or parish Farm Bureau.

Reg. BBU Beefmaster bulls, ready for service, good conform., \$850; reg. BBU Beefmaster cows, some bred, some w/calves, \$700-\$850. Gaston Gerald, Greenwell Springs; (225) 654-8816.

Reg. Angus bulls, 12 mos.-24 mos., gentle & easy to handle, \$1250-\$1600/1. James Sibley, Walker; (225) 686-2952.

Pb Jersey cow, 4 yrs., w/Brangus bull calf, \$800. Wayne Smith, Glenmora; (318) 748-7272.

Reg. Brangus bulls, 12-18 mos., very gentle, \$1200-\$1500/1. Francis Young, Mamou; (337) 468-3783.

(4) Brangus bulls, 3 yrs., clean sheath, gentle, \$1500/1. John Boudreaux, Abbeville; (337) 893-6743.

Reg. Angus bulls, 13-16 mos., gentle, pasture raised, out of Traveler & Gay Bando 237 & Emulous bred, \$1200/1. Albert Roger, Sr., Carencro; (337) 896-6314.

2 Yr. heifer, w/1st calf, Angus & Beefmaster cross, \$750; reg. Angus bull, 3 yrs., \$1600; pb Beefmaster bull, \$1000. Ronald Spiehler, Folsom; (985) 796-5722.

Reg. Brahman bull, gray, 3 yrs., gentle, selling out herd, \$1300. Jerry Fluitt, Gueydan; (337) 536-6522.

Reg. Beefmaster bulls, 18-24 mos., excel. cond., ready for service, \$1100-\$1650. Brian Guillory, Jennings; (337) 824-2181.

Char. Angus bull, 50/50, 6 yrs., good breeder, approx. 1800 lbs., smoke colored, \$700. Milburn Noel, Arnaudville; (337) 945-6015.

Reg. Brangus bulls, 9-17 mos., good cond., \$750/1-up. Eugene Dunn, Columbia; (318) 649-5105.

Reg. Angus bull, coming 6 yrs., scored #2 at LSU performance test, no bad habits, must see to appreciate, \$2500. Ricky Soileau, Ville Platte; (337) 363-2903.

Polled Santa Gertrudis bull, born Sept. '02, meaty, bull from top show

stock, \$1500. Ronald Burliegh, Church Point; (337) 942-2477.

Holstein milk cow, w/(2) calves, \$1000. Kurt Martinez, Donaldsonville; (225) 473-3041.

(2) Reg. Angus bulls, (1) 46 mos., LBW, sired by Traveler "Raider," \$2000; (1) 11 mos., "Scotchcap," grandson, \$1000. Daman Albarado, Duson; (337) 406-8439.

Reg. Braford bulls, 24 mos., top quality, \$1250/1-up. Marvin Marmande, Houma; (985) 868-2312.

(10) Reg. Angus bulls, 2 yrs., large framed, gentle, ready for heavy service, most are AI sired, \$1600/1-up; females, \$950/1-up. LaMar DePhillips, Husser; (985) 748-7298.

Reg. polled Hereford bulls, 15-30 mos., \$950/1. Wayne Weick, Mt. Hermon; (504) 877-5926.

(3) Reg. Hereford bulls, 2 yrs., heavy wean. weights, long, thick & deep, ready for heavy service, raised at home, very gentle, \$1200/1. John Patrick, St. Francisville; (225) 635-4614 or (225) 635-4951.

Blk. Simm. bull, polled, AI son of LRS Big Country 37E, 4 yrs., good EPD's, good calving ease, calves to show, \$1600. Jeanette Landreneau, Eunice; (337) 457-0505.

Polled Simm. & Simbrah bulls, solid colors, reds & blks., very gentle, all shots, wormed, 9 mos.-2 yrs., \$550-1150/1. Harold Landreneau, Eunice; (337) 457-0505.

Char. calves, on feed, all shots, for breeding or slaughter, 400 lbs. & up, at farm, \$1/lb.; reg. Char. bulls, 1 yr., \$700/1. Elvin Soileau, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4094.

Reg. blk. Angus bull, 21 mos., SAF Focus of ER bloodline, LBW, cert. free herd, \$2500. Charles Myers, Jennings; (337) 824-6106.

Herd of F1 Brangus cattle, (50) cows, (1) reg. Brangus bull, 2-8 yrs., (9) calves sold w/herd, all cows are pregnant to calf 2004, \$35,000/all. James Prather, Lafayette; (337) 988-5667.

Reg. blk. Simm. bull, ready for service, very gentle, calving ease EPD, 22 mos., polled, wh.-faced, 6 frame, performance proven genetics, cert. free herd, \$1500. Louis Wittie, Hammond; (985) 345-6748.

Reg. red & blk. Limousin bulls, AI'd by trait leading sires, heavy muscled, \$1200/1-up. Brent Deshautelle, Marksville; (318) 253-6495.

(1) 2 ½ yr. reg. Char. bull, Duke bloodline, \$1800; also (4) yrlg. bulls, \$750/1. Russell Barrow, DeQuincy; (337) 786-6131.

Reg. 5/8, 3/8 Braford bulls &

heifers, champ. bloodlines, gain test leaders, weaned heifers, \$700/1-up; bulls, \$1500/1-up. Fred Elsing, Alexandria; (318) 442-0741 or (318) 447-1145.

Char. bulls, King Grazer, grass conversion record setter bloodline, multi-trait leader, LBW, 10 mos.-2 yrs., polled & very gentle, \$1000-\$1800/1. G. Perron, Opelousas; (337) 942-5272.

Reg. Beefmaster herd bull, open heifers & bred cows, \$1000/1-up. Fred Moran, Baton Rouge; (225) 767-9440.

Reg. Hereford heifer, 1 yr., will be good mama cow, calfhooed vacc., \$600. Mary Michelli, Zachary; (225) 658-8581.

(2) Pr. cross bred cows, w/calves, avg. wt. is 1100 lbs., 6-7 yrs., \$1450. M. Bridges, Kentwood; (985) 229-3806.

(2) Reg. blk. Angus bulls, (1) 4 yrs., sire SAF Fame, (1) 3 yrs., sire Century Touchstone 131, ready for service, \$1500-\$1800. Jimmie Roberts, Sikes; (318) 628-2316.

Reg. Texas Longhorns, modern deep bodied cattle, w/lots of color, bloodlines & horn, (2) heifers, (1) blk. & wh., 2 yrs., bred to Trophy by Tabasco, \$1200/2. Ed Durr, Jr., Amite; (985) 748-5556.

Limousin bulls, dbl. blk. & dbl. polled, heavy muscle, great EPD's, from AI sires, La. raised, \$1300/1-up. Terry Fox, New Iberia; (337) 364-4241.

(15) Crossbred blk. heifers, 18 mos., 800 lbs., ready for breeding, \$775/1, if all taken. James Chenevert, Livonia; (225) 637-3594.

Polled pb Char. bulls, a few heifers avail., approx. \$1/1lb., \$900/1-up. Terry Truxillo, Franklinton; (985) 839-5302.

Reg. horned Hereford bulls, calves & yrlgs., 2 yrs., \$700/1-up. Ray Taylor, Morrow; (318) 346-7531.

Pb Beefmaster heifers, 6-13 mos., \$550. Waldo Thibodeaux, Lafayette; (337) 235-4587 or (337) 332-3531.

(2) Reg. Angus bulls, performance bred, pasture cond., ready to work, EPD's avail., 2 & 3 yrs., sired by N-Bar Emulation EXT., \$1600-\$2500. Mark LeJeune, Elton; (337) 526-3520 or (337) 584-2912.

Reg. red Angus bulls, 2 yrs., \$1000; SimAngus bulls, ready for service, \$1000; Simm. plus (1) bulls, yrlgs., \$800; SimAngus bull, yrlg., \$600, gentle, good disp. & EPD's. Lisa Broussard, Broussard; (337) 277-3547.

Reg. horned & polled Hereford bulls, 12-24 mos., excel. bloodlines

& EPD's, well built, thick & deep, gentle, fully guaranteed, cert. herd., LBW, \$1000-1500/1. William Bell, New Orleans; (504) 864-1565.

Beefmasters, high-performing, quality cattle, bulls, 18 mos.-2 yrs., \$1600-\$1800; proven herd sire U1/3, \$2200; open/bred heifers, \$800-\$1200, CFH#88-691, current vacc. Mel Jackson, Alexandria; mjbefmasters@aol.com or (318) 443-0203.

Reg. Char. bulls, ready for service, gentle, big, stout, clean & tested, Big Sky & Budsmayad breeding, cert. herd, \$1500/1-up. Walter Lemoine, Marksville; (318) 253-7939.

Reg. Char. bulls, 12-15 mos., Budsmayad & Big Sky breeding, cert. herd, \$1000/1-up. Stanley Lemoine, Plaquemine; (225) 659-7088.

Reg. Simm. & Simbrah cattle, heifers, bulls, prs., \$550/1-up. B. G. Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

Reg. Angus bull, gentle, stout, 13 mos., w/722 lb. wean. wt., \$1400. Scott Bickham, St. Francisville; (225) 635-3354.

(12) Brangus heifers, nice set of heifers, bred to calving ease Angus bull, started calving 1/10/04, \$950/1. S. Bickham, St. Francisville; (225) 635-3354.

Reg. Char., 34 yrs. of Char. breeding, Duke, Tundra, Wallstreet, & Sky Mon. Ease, cert. herd, weaned bulls, up to 26 mos., \$850/1-up; weaned heifers, up to 12 mos., \$750/1-up; bred cows, \$950/1-up. Ivy Guillot, Sr., Marksville; (318) 253-8300.

Reg. blk. Gelbvieh bull, 5 yrs., gentle, proven herd sire, heavy muscled, homo., polled, calving ease, perfect for heifers, AI parents, \$1250 firm. Scott Davis, Roseland; (985) 748-9318.

(2) Reg. blk. Angus, cow, bred, 5 yrs., Precision daughter, \$1150; bred heifer, \$950. Randy Paul, Marksville; (318) 253-8164.

Reg. ½ Angus, ½ Simm. bull, blk., 17 mos., \$1100; reg. ¾ Simm., ¼ Angus bull, blk., 17 mos., by ER Black Cisco, out of Meyer 734, ½ Angus cow, \$1500. Dennis Courtright, Colfax; (318) 627-5769.

Beefmaster heifers, to breed this spring, \$675/1; butcher calves, \$1.1/1lb. on hoof. R. LaBorde, Hessmer; (318) 563-4566.

Polled Santa Gertrudis bull, reg. Reserve champ. at Shreveport, 1900 lbs. calves on ground, \$1600. Andrew Richard, Sugartown; (337) 328-8192.

Coastal raised for coastal trade, polled Hereford bulls, some from

horned embryo transplant dams, all from top EPD lines, a few w/no reg. cert., 6 mos.-3 yrs., \$450-\$1600/1, no Sunday trades. Harold Loewer, Eunice; (337) 457-4487.

(2) Reg. polled Hereford bulls, 16 mos., excel. bloodlines, excel. cond., (1) papered, \$1200; (1) not papered, \$1100. Mary Cambre, Robert; (985) 345-3432.

(1) Pb Brahman bull calf, 24 mos., from top bloodline, not reg. but can be, \$700. William Cheek, Kaplan; (337) 643-7146.

(60) Reg. & Comm. Brangus cows, 3 yrs. & up, \$750/1; (22) reg. Brangus bulls, 15-16 mos., \$1850/1-up; (40) reg. Brangus bulls, 4 yrlgs., \$1400/1-up. Ronnie Link, Evergreen; (318) 939-2345.

Pb blk. Simm. heifers, & bull calves, w/ or w/o reg. papers, 7 mos. & older, good bloodlines, \$575-\$750. Mancel Brouillette, Marksville; (318) 253-9922.

Char. Angus bull, 50/50, 6 yrs., good breeder, approx. 1800 lbs., smoke colored, \$700. Milburn Noel, Arnaudville; (337) 945-6015.

Reg. red Beefmaster bulls, 4 yrs., \$1250; 2 yrs., \$950. Farrell Woods, Gueydan; (337) 536-6845.

Reg. Angus heifers, all yrlg. frame size & milk like you would need for great mother cows, \$1000. Greg Tate, Ville Platte; (337) 363-1694 or (337) 363-6607.

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Wanted: to lease gentle, LBW reg. Angus bull, to turn out w/(8) virgin heifers, from mid-May through June, \$300/45 days. Donald Dicharry, Franklinton; (504) 289-6876.

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All horses, mules, and jacks must be from bona fide livestock farmers. We cannot accept notices from horse dealers, order buyers or persons selling on commission basis.

Every time you submit an advertisement one of the following must be provided. 1. All listings of horses, mules or jacks must be accompanied by a COPY of the original official negative Coggins test for Equine Infectious Anemia (E.I.A.) that was performed within the past 6 months prior to sale on all horses, mules, and jacks, except nursing foals. (OR) 2. A signed statement from the seller stating that he will furnish the buyer with a negative Coggins at the time of sale.

1999 AQHA bay geld., ranch horse, good handle, very gentle, \$3000. John Boudreaux, Abbeville; (337) 893-6743.

2001 APHA filly, bay tobiano/overo, w/medicine cap, foaled 1/29/01, green broke, Broseco Rocket, Cardinal Lady Anna, \$1000. C. M. Duplechian, Jennings; (337) 824-2989.

Reg. TWHBEA, 8 mos. filly, blk., \$1500; reg. SSHBEA, 9 mo. stud colt, wh. & sorrel, \$1500. Louis Rodrigue, Vacherie; lois_rodrigue@bellsouth.net, (225) 265-4654 or (504) 289-0923.

Reg. TW, blk./wh. spotted wean. stud, will be 17 hands, very gentle, great build, awesome colt, \$1800, others avail. L. D. Spears, Dry Creek; (337) 328-7365.

Team of 47" bay mare mules, w/good harnesses, 12 & 15 yrs., \$700/1. Don Segura, New Iberia; (337) 365-2658.

2002 AQHA colts & fillies, Colonel Freckles, Little Peppy bloodlines, halter broke, gentle, lots of cow sense, good disp., \$1200/1-up. Barrett Lyons, Opelousas; (337) 288-0887 or (337) 684-6751.

2003 AQHA colts, Colonel Freckles, Little Peppy, Puddenhead bloodlines, gentle, lots of cow sense, good disp., \$1000/1-up. Daniel Lyons, Church Point; (337) 945-0364 or (337) 684-6751.

Reg. AQHA geld., 4 yrs., bay, very gentle, ropes & pulls, Dry Dock, Leo, Waggoner breeding, super calm, good 4-H prospect or ranch horse, \$3800. Larry Duhon, Kaplan; (337) 652-6200.

1998 reg. APHA solid bay broodmare, Doc Quixote, Peppy San Badger bloodlines, bred to APHA homozygous stallion for April foal, \$2200. Sherry LeDoux, Gueydan; (337) 536-9444.

1996 reg. APHA geld., blk./wh. tobiano, 16 hands, 1350 lbs., very good rider, \$1800. Joey LeDoux, Gueydan; (337) 536-9444.

2003 AQHA bay stallion, by son of Smart Little Lena, '03 AQHA brown filly, by son of Playgun, both very athletic, \$1500/1. B. Green, DeRidder; (337) 328-8636.

2002 AQHA lineaback red dun filly, Poco Bueno, Doc Quixote bred, \$2000; '02 AQHA sorrel geld., dbl. bred Doc O'Lena &

Vegas boy, \$1500. Brant Green, DeRidder; (337) 328-8636.

1995 APHA homozygous blk. wh. stallion, '98 Miss. Grand Champ. in halter, \$5000. Perry Thomassie, Gonzales; (225) 644-5381 or (225) 644-4238.

APHA homozygous mare, exposed to homozygous stallion, \$1499/1-up. P. Thomassie, Gonzales; (225) 644-5381 or (225) 644-4238.

1996 AQHA pal. mare, tall, strong build, easy catcher, 2 yrs. cutting school, rides, works cows, have babies, good bloodline, \$1400. Daniel Romero, Iowa; (337) 588-4522.

2003 AQHA pal. filly, tall, almost wh., very pretty, gentle, Le Bold Whiz & Gold Bold Whiz bloodlines, \$900. Michelle Romero, Iowa; (337) 588-4522.

(2) 2 yr. gelds., (1) 2yr., dun filly, 60 days riding, Haidas Lil Pep, Zans, Diamond Joker bloodline, \$1500/1. R. Ortego, Ville Platte; (337) 363-1409.

Wean. by reg. racking horse x mustangs, bred mares, \$300/1-up, yrlgs., \$350/1-up. Ronald Spiehler, Franklinton; (985) 796-5722.

(2) Reg. spotted Draft mares, both blk./wh. tobiano, \$1500/1-up; reg. Belgian mare, 6 yrs., rides & drives, \$3500; ½ Belgian, ½ QH buckskin filly, \$1000. Ben Baggett, Mittie; (337) 639-2086.

Red & wh. TW stud colt, 11 mos., very gentle, \$600. Dusty Soileau, Ville Platte; (337) 363-2903 or (337) 885-3350.

(1) Geld. & (1) mare mule, \$600/1; (1) geld. riding mule, \$700. Berl Stevens, Folsom; (985) 796-5346.

AQHA 2 yr. golden dapple pal. stud colt, 60 days riding, very gentle & laid back, pretty, baby doll head, good conform., \$3500. Travis Howell, Hinston; (318) 793-8587 or (318) 452-0182.

AQHA 9 yr. sorrel geld., super all-around horse, won saddles, buckles, money, roping & barrels, 15.2 hands, 1300 lbs., gentle & laid back, \$8500 firm. Kim Howell, Hinston; (318) 793-8587 or (318) 452-0182.

AQHA 2 yr. bay geld., 60 days riding, short, stocky colt, started on cattle & barrels, will make nice rodeo prospect, has been hauled, nothing spooks this colt, \$2500. T. K. Howell, Hinston; (318) 793-8587 or (318) 452-0182.

AQHA 7 yr. bay geld., ID barrel horse, 16+ hands, 1300 lbs., easy to ride, gentle, laid back, not for child or inexperienced rider, \$8500. H. Howell, Hinston; (318) 793-8587 or (318) 452-0182.

AQHA 3 yr. sorrel filly, head & heel horse, has been hauled & won money, started on barrels, very gentle & laid back, perfect for youth, \$4500. C. Howell, Hinston; (318) 793-8587 or (318) 452-0182.

Reg. AQHA dbl. Skippa, '97, good looking bay, rebred to the sire of her colt, \$2500; her colt by Kings Ranch reg. stud, \$1500, \$20 month; paint geld., by same mare, \$1000, another \$20 month; geld. by the dam of the above mare, \$1500, all haltered, no Sunday trades. Harold Loewer, Eunice;

(337) 457-4487.

(2) 6 mo. gray donkeys, \$125/1; (1) 6 mo. paint donkey, \$150, all males, very gentle. Richard Wilkerson, Winnsboro; (318) 435-8354.

AQHA stallion, sorrel, son of Obvious Conclusion, 5 yrs., 15.3 hands, N/N A World Contender, out of Intimidator mare, \$1500. T. J. Thibodeaux, Independence; (985) 878-6848.

5 Yr. bay gaited geld., travels well, very gentle, 14 hands, \$900. Charles Simoneaux, Port Allen; (225) 627-4630.

(2) 2 yr. sorrel mares, \$895/1; 1 yr. mule, off reg. QH mare & mammoth Jack, \$800; young paint stud colt, \$650. J. L. Beasley, Baker; (225) 775-4355 or (225) 775-3362.

Reg. miniature mare & fillies, studs & colts, AMHA, AMHR, \$350/1-up. Homer Cunningham, Albany; (225) 567-9594.

Reg. QH, King P-234, King Ranch & Doc Bar breeding, all ages, stallions & mares, \$1000/1-up. P. J. Spears, Jr., Sicily Island; (318) 389-5398.

Geld., gray, 17 yrs., easy keeper, loads, bathes & clips, no bad habits, trail rides, drill, horse shows, \$1200. Stratton Songy, Tickfaw; (985) 429-8212.

Reg. '99 AQHA red roan, mare, Leo bred, very gentle, great for trail riding, started on cows, \$2000. Alvin Stafford, Prairieville; (225) 673-3373.

Reg. AQHA geld., 4 yrs., pal., very gentle, 15.2 hands, awesome breeding for speed & cow, \$2500. Alvin Stafford, Jr., Prairieville; (225) 675-6098 or (225) 571-8562.

Yrlg. bay colt, sire NCHA money earner, by Peppy San Badger, out of son of Doc daughter, Doc O'Lena & Peponita, \$600. Irvin Bell, Jena; (318) 992-2559.

6 Yr. reg. Paint mare, blk. & wh., 15.2 hands, very gentle, anyone can ride, \$1200. Blake Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

6 Yr. reg. TW blk. geld., 14 hands, very smooth, fast gait, very easy to ride, \$850. James Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

5 Yr. blk. TW mare, 15 hands, very gentle, anyone can ride, \$1100. Phyllis Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

Spotted saddle horse, geld., 14 hands, grullo & wh., 3 yrs., very well gaited, doing great on trails in woods, \$1000 firm.; 9 mo. chestnut/wh. SSH stud colt, \$700; reg. TW avail. Brad Vidrine, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4290.

6 Yr. sorrel overo paint geld., ROM in Pleasure, shown in halter, showmanship, trail, horsemanship & W.riding, \$6500; AQHA 6 yr. pal. mare, shown by 10 yr. in halter, showmanship, trail, horsemanship & W. riding, \$3000. Russ Nixon, Pride; (225) 654-9254.

AQHA bay geld., stout, shown in trail, WP, horsemanship, WR, he is a real looker, \$3500; sorrel & wh. tobiano, 3 yr. geld., started by pro trainer, \$3500; Doc Bar & Colonel Freckles bred, 5 yr. geld., started by pro trainer, \$2500. R. Nixon, Pride; (225) 654-9254.

Sugar & she's just as sweet, 4 yr.

Sugar Bar & Ima Cool Skip bred mare, gentle for anyone, \$3500; beautiful bald faced sorrel paint mare, 4-wh. stockings, wh. on sides, started by pro trainer, quiet & easy, \$3000. A. Nixon, Pride; (225) 654-9254.

Reg. pb Arabians, at stud, Egyptian/Spanish bloodlines, show quality, blk., 15.2+ hands, excel. temperament, foals to show & for sale, \$500/1-up. Donavan Stoute, Opelousas; (337) 585-2642.

AQHA proven son of Special Effort fillies & colts, 1-3 yrs., out of Blondy's Dude mares, \$750/1-up, plus transfer fees & costs. David Perkins, Braithwaite; (504) 682-2467.

Yrlgs., granddaughters of Peppy San Badger, \$2000; broodmares w/Two-Eyed Jack, Mr. Smooth Otse bloodlines, \$2500/1-up. Olin Brown, Lafayette; (337) 237-6625.

Reg. QH filly, 1 yr., Doc's Solano & Doc Freckles bred, very correct & good looking, \$1200; broke geld., 4 yrs., Gay Bar King, Poco Bueno bred, gentle, \$1600; reg. AQHA geld., top barrel prospect, well started, Special Effort grandson, gentle, fast & good looking, \$3000. Ed Durr, Jr., Amite; (985) 748-5556.

Reg. Thoroughbred mare, 6 yrs., sired by Lots O'Gold, out of a Chief of Dixieland mare, 16 hands, broke, sound, beautiful, excel. for English or Western riding, super gentle, \$1500. Paula Durr, Amite; (985) 748-5556.

Grandsons & daughters of Mr. San Peppy & Peppy San Badger, weans.-broodmares, \$1000/1-up. Jeff Brassette, Ville Platte; (337) 224-7983 or (337) 363-1403.

6 Yr. brown/wh. paint TW geld., blue eyes, trail rides, kids can ride, \$800. Barry Miller, Church Point; (337) 873-9440 or (337) 334-5225.

Pony geld., 11 yrs., 37", very gentle, used on trail rides, red w/flaxen mane & tail, \$600. Tabitha McLinden, Bush; (985) 892-2686.

POA pony geld., 48", 14 yrs., used for pleasure & show, great barrel & judged events, good second pony, \$2000. Rebecca McLinden, Bush; (985) 892-2686.

AQHA foundation bred mares, 3 yr. sorrel & 2 yr. buckskin, King, Puddenhead, Sugar Bars, Dry Doc, Peppy San, \$1000/1-up. Charles Casanova, Holden; (225) 294-2585.

Miniature horses & donkeys, sale or trade, beautiful, loving & gentle stock, \$300/1-up. David Reinhart, Simpson; (337) 383-6108.

AQHA '02 Snorty Lena filly & colt, '01 Dulces Peppy filly, Bingo Hickory & Smart Little Jerry daughters, Sonitalena stallion, Sonita's Last & Tenino San granddaughter, moving, must sell, \$1250/up. Charles Champagne, Cut Off; (985) 632-3389.

Paso Fino, reg. 18 yr. chestnut geld., beautiful gait, Slidell area, \$1000. Bruce Wallis, New Orleans; (504) 483-7775.

(2) Suffolk draft horses, covered wagon & all tack, \$3250; reg. App. sorrel, 3-wh. socks, w/blaze, \$1200. Jarett Daigle, Prairieville; (225) 673-9460.

Reg. 22 mos. TW blue roan sabi-

no geld., also reg. TW 19 mo. old gray stud, both great papered, gentle & well gaited, \$1200/1. Shonnie Dove, Winnsboro; (318) 435-2217.

APHC mare, born 1/01, dark bay or brown, sire Ima Cook Skip, Boston Mac bred, dam Alias King, both parents avail. for viewing, \$1000, no checks. Randy Causey, Walker; (225) 235-5121.

APHC mare, foundation pedigree designation, born 3/02, dark bay roan spotting, striped hooves, mottled face, sire Prince Plaudit bred, dam own daughter of Alias King, \$1000, no checks. John Causey, Walker; (225) 235-5121.

07/03 AQHA lineaback bay colt, Peppy San & Ima Cool Skip/Boston Mac bred, strong, straight, stout colt, both parents avail. for viewing, \$975 obo, no checks. Jeannie Causey, Walker; (225) 791-9471.

AQHA 3 yr. filly, LQHBA bred, running bred, green broke, very nice, sire Village Hero, \$1500. Kerry Vallet, Maringouin; (225) 625-3239.

2003 APHA tobiano colt, brown & wh., working horse bloodline, halter broke, \$1000. Duane Wilson, Slaughter; (225) 683-3044.

AQHA pal., 5 yr. geld., 15.1 hands, 1200 lbs., lots of wh., gentle, exposed to cattle, trail rides, etc., \$2550 obo; new trophy barrel saddle, \$400, both, \$2700. A. Smith, Gonzales; (225) 673-3617.

10 Yr. mule, 16.2 hands, very gentle, rides & pulls, dark bay, \$2500. Frank Henry, Sunset; (337) 684-6493.

AQHA bay mare, in foal to muscular reg. red roan App. stallion, mare dbl. bred, King bloodline & very gentle, mare & foal, \$1250. Kaitlin Champagne, New Iberia; (337) 364-1398.

AQHA reg. bay mare, 5 yrs., green broke, great breeding mare, \$900. Johnathan Thomas, Winnsboro; (318) 435-0460.

2002 AQHA sorrel geld., ready to break, \$1500; '89 AQHA pal. mare, Investor & '89 AQHA mare, Skippa Star, both ride, open to breed, \$1250/1. Dr. R. Nix, Mandeville; (985) 727-9758.

Matched pr. bay miniatures, 4 yr. mare & yrlg. filly, \$600/both. Holly Middlebrooks, Eunice; (337) 580-0343.

Ready to win? ready to sell! '87 APHC world/youth world top 10, 4-H regionals top 5, all-around deluxe youth/non pro, \$10,000. Melissa Minvielle, Morgan City; (985) 312-4382.

1999 AQHA mare, by Hollywood Dun It, pro trained, finished reiner, very limited showing by novice youth, also working cow, daughter wants out, \$10,000. Steven Minvielle, Morgan City; (800) 528-6545.

2001 APHC lineaback dun, by Mr. Bad Example, ready to show, very gentle, loads & clips, no vices, sweetheart, \$4000 obo. Laura Minvielle, Morgan City; (985) 384-3290.

1999 Dapple gray/wh. Welch pony, jumps, lead changes, gentle, kid friendly, \$6000 firm. Caroline Minvielle, Morgan City; (985) 312-4385.

5 Yr. Royal Silver King geld.,

\$3500; 2 yr. stud, grandson of Little Peppy, \$3000; bay filly, son of a Doc breeding, \$700; 6 yr. mare, First Down Dash, Mr. Secretary, \$1500. Brenda Beauboeuf, Alexandria; (318) 443-8967.

AQHA chestnut filly, Zips Chocolate Chip, Doc Bar, Page Steel bloodline, outstanding filly w/winning bloodline, \$1800. J. Thompson, Springfield; luckyt@charter.net or (225) 294-7976.

AQHA IF 6 yr. liver chestnut mare, great kids horse, W. Pleasure pro, easy breeder & foaler of (3) foals, Zips Chocolate Chip, Doc Bar, Zippo Pine Bar, all on papers, can be sold w/a breeding to an incentive fund nominated stallion in '04, \$3000 nego. Jim Thompson, Springfield; luckyt@charter.net or (225) 294-7976.

Beautiful pal. TW geld., 7 yrs., gaited, gentle, quick & fun to ride, selling tack w/horse, \$1900. Tyler Savoy, Church Point; (337) 654-9076.

QH/Arabian mare, beautiful mane & tail, very gentle, easy rider, \$800. Connie Savoy, Church Point; (337) 684-1196.

STALLION SERVICE

Andalusian stallion, bred for working cattle, solid in bone & body, great minds & temperament, \$600/\$5 mare care. Randy Baudoin, Denham Springs; baroquefarms@cox.net or (225) 665-2186.

Caspian stallion, rare breed, horse dimension, pony height, sweet natured, extremely athletic & w/horse movement, \$300/\$5 mare care. Anna Baudoin, Denham Springs; baroquefarms@cox.net or (225) 665-2186.

Shining Sneakers x Shining Spark, AQHA superior reining, AQHA circuit championships, NRHA money earner, '02 MQHA high point reiner, \$1000. Cheryl Borer, Walker; www.borerquarterhorses.com, borerqtrhorses@aol.com, (225) 667-7415 or (985) 892-7194.

AQHA Lineback red dun, own son of Tanquery Gin, bloodline: Poco Lena, Doc Bar, Doc O'Lena, Poco Bueno, top & bottom, cow sense & performance, \$600/\$3 mare care. Warren Iquess, Welsh; (337) 734-3672.

AQHA '98 sorrel, son of Eatn Out, 187,000 NCHA, son of Doc's Hickory, dam daughter of Bob Acre Doc & Poco Josie Bueno, \$450/\$7 mare care. Tyler Reed, Westlake; (337) 491-0922 or (337) 912-1742.

AQHA '00 gray, Doc's Hickory, Dry Doc, Mr. San Peppy, Right This Minnick, large frame, good bone, lots of athletic ability in calf roping training, \$400. Lanie Reed, Westlake; (337) 491-0922 or (337) 912-1742.

AQHA dark bay/blk., 15 hands, Peppy San Badger grandson, Puddenhead Doc, very muscular, trained in heading, healing & working cattle, \$350. Gina Reed, Westlake; (337) 491-0922 or (337) 912-1742.

AQHA bay stallion, own son of

Doc's Stylish Oak, dam Freckles Playmate, NCHA money earner & producer of Smart Plan, \$750/\$8 mare care. Joe Reed, Westlake; (337) 491-0922 or (337) 912-1742.

AQHA '99 bay stallion, son of Peptoboonsmal, NCHA & ACHA money earner, dam daughter of Snorty Lena money earner, \$750. Rodney Williams, Sulphur; (337) 558-6946.

AQHA red roan '02 son of P.C. Bronsin, 5x world champ. roping, South Dakota breeding, dam Freckles Playboy breeding, \$500. Lee Williams, Sulphur; (337) 558-6946.

Leopard App., Too Tough, Goer, Dial Bright Too, ROM halter, state champ., w/grands & res., good disp., \$250. Irvin Bell, Jena; (318) 992-2559.

Blk. AQHA stallion, 16 hands, 1100 lbs., Ima Cool Skip & Boston Mac bred, \$300/\$5 mare care. J. Causey, Walker; (225) 791-9471.

Straight Egyptians at stud, Norus son, IBN Moniet, Farazdac, Tuhotmos, Imperial Imdal grandson, \$500 introductory offer, limited breeding. Jeff Dupre, Washington; (337) 585-2642.

8 Yr. grandson of Puddenhead, according to AQHA there are only (2) grandsons of Puddenhead stallions remaining, bay, star, great disp., \$400/\$4 mare care. Jeannette Bucklin, Jackson; www.quarterhorse.com, (337) 824-1642.

Homozygous APHA blk./wh. Skip-N-King, homozygous for paint & tobiano babies, reg. mare, \$350; grade mare, \$250. Beverly Bertrand, Branch; (337) 684-3028 or (337) 580-0161.

Doc Fitz son, Doc Bar grandson, Mr. San Peppy, Rey Del Rancho great grandson, will show NCHA '04, \$500; Doc Bar, Flying Bob, Raisin Sand, Lee Cody bloodline, blood bay, finished head & heel horse, \$300 reg., \$200 grade mares, pasture bred only, no mare care. Joe Ainsworth, Georgetown; (318) 827-9457.

Poco Bueno grandson top, great grandson bottom, Wimpy & King great grandson, NCHA money earner, \$500; cream buckskin, Poco Bueno & Bogie Black great grandson, sire is NCHA money earner, will show in futurity '04, \$700, pasture bred only, no mare care. J. Ainsworth, Georgetown; (318) 827-9457.

APHA bay/wh. tobiano, Tinky Sugar Bar, Lady Galliant, Super Speedie, Speck's Spot, King Greasebar & Puerto Rico Lass bloodlines, ancestors have points in halter, hunter, reining, pole bending, roping & W. pleasure, \$300 reg. mares, \$200 grade mares, \$5/mare care. Heather Bertrand, Opelousas; brokenarrowranch@bellsouth.net, (337) 826-4519 or (337) 207-3217.

AQHA pal. stallion, sire is King Leo Bar Rebel, out of Ute Pudden, Pudden's Luck & Don War Leo, dam is Shuqualak Belle, out of Lemac Peponita Fox, Peponita, Sport Model & Smart Poco, \$300/\$5 mare care. Brandon Bertrand, Opelousas; (337) 543-8578.

1995 AQHA sorrel stallion, 4-wh. socks & blaze face, own son of Doc's All Around, out of Doc's Tom Cat & Doc Bar, dam's side is Aguados Laurela, out of El Aguado

& El Pachuco Wimpy, which are all King bred, \$300/\$5 mare care. Melissa Briley, Opelousas; (337) 543-8578.

Reg. chestnut & wh. tobiano homozygous TW stallion, by Battle Colors & Paints Moon Man, 15.3 hands, guaranteed paint, beautiful & great disp., \$300/\$5 mare care. Cody Darbonne, Opelousas; (337) 543-8578.

Reg. blk. TW stallion, sire is Pusher Busting Loose, out of the Pusher C.G. & Pride of Midnight bloodlines, 15.2 hands, excel. gait, \$300/\$5 mare care. C. Darbonne, Opelousas; (337) 543-8578.

Beautiful reg. blk./wh. tobiano TW stallion, homozygous from both sire & dam, 15.1 hands, very beautiful, has excel. conform. & disp., guaranteed paint, \$300/\$5 mare care. Jim Briley, Opelousas; (337) 543-8578.

AQHA pal., lots of wh. markings, sire Streakettas OH, dam Sweetlake Blondie, foundation bred, reg. mares, \$300; unreg. mares, \$200, Charles Kershaw II, Sulphur; pnutii@aol.com or (337) 583-7604.

APHA tovero stallion, sorrel/wh., his bloodlines go back to Hollywood Gold, Three Bars & Go Man Go, great disp., reg. mares, \$300; unreg. mares, \$200. C. Kershaw, II, Sulphur; pnutii@aol.com or (337) 583-7604.

AQHA sorrell stallion, Doc Bar, King P-234, Leo, Bunky, Cals Rebel, unbelievable disp., old foundation QH blood, \$250/\$5 mare care. Jerry Sharp, Jr., Clayton; (318) 757-7421 or (318) 757-2822.

Arabians, straight Spanish, gray but produces color, champ. bloodlines, extremely long neck, foals to show; Egyptian, snow white, multi champ at halter, very typey, sires exotic foals, both 15+ hands, \$600/pb, others nego. F. Larry Martinez, Port Barre; (337) 585-6969.

AQHA grullo, Poco Bueno top & bottom, sabino TWHBEA, Midnight Son, Allen bloodlines, \$250/\$4 mare care. Kathren or Linda, DeRidder; (337) 462-0964.

AQHA chestnut, 4-wh. stockings, & blaze face, grandson of (2) top sires, Peppy San Badger & Doc's Sug, who's offspring has produced over \$30 million, \$250/\$3. Billy Deshotel, Brusly; (225) 749-4686.

Smart Zan Lena, own son of Smart Lil Lena, 743000, out of Sparkle Suzanna, 3x world champ, \$75,000 LTE, athletic as they come, \$750/\$8 mare care. Kevin Simoneaux, Opelousas; (337) 942-1880.

50% Mr. San Peppy, 100% King Ranch & 100% foundation, w/El Pobre & El Nino on papers, \$350/\$5 mare care. Ronald Brassette, Ville Platte; (337) 224-7983 or (337) 363-1403.

Son of Little Peppy, off of the King Ranch, finished cutter, w/Hired Hand on bottom, \$500/\$5 mare care. Jeff Brassette, Ville Platte; (337) 224-7983 or (337) 363-1403.

Reg. TWHBEA, SSHBEA, 16 hands, blk./wh. tobiano stallion, \$250/\$5 mare care. Lois Rodrigue;

Vacherie; lois_rodrigue@bellsouth.net or (225) 265-4654, (504) 289-0923.

AQHA, FQHA chestnut, Page Steel, Aguila Baron, Chocolate Convoy bloodlines, Incentive Fund nominated for '04 breeding season, calm & easy breeder, \$300 LFG. J. Thompson, Springfield; luckyt@charter.net or (225) 294-7976.

AQHA gray stallion, SI 101, winner of 16 races, out of By Yawl, \$500/\$5 mare care; AQHA bay stallion, own son of Streakin La Jolla, ¾ brother to Jess Perry, \$500/\$8. Richard Guidry, Oberlin; (337) 639-2671.

AQHA gray stallion, Colonel Minnick San, dam is a King Ranch branded daughter of Mr. San Peppy, shown in working cow horse & reining, producing color, good conform. & disp., \$400/\$5 mare care. John Swope, Georgetown; (318) 827-5404.

AQHA dark bay, Peppy San Badger, top & bottom, Doc O'Lena on papers, \$250/\$3 mare care. L. Simmons, Albany; (225) 567-7813.

Arabian chestnut, racing bloodline, puts speed & beauty in foals, sire AF sire Vivor, dam Coast to Coast, both stakes winners, \$400 LFG, \$6 mare care. Clyde Milley, Campti; (318) 476-2182.

2000 Lineback dun, Doc Hickory & Sonitas Last breeding, started in reining, will show after breeding season, \$400/\$5 mare care. Kevin Coates, Ville Platte; (337) 461-5139.

AQHA golden pal., son of Peppy's Boy 895, out of producing daughter of Maxi Lena, great disp., \$300. Romy Morvant, Thibodaux; (985) 446-0708.

SHEEP & GOATS

Fb IBGA reg. Boer buck, born 2/16/02, \$300. R. Richard, Carencro; (337) 896-6264.

Boer goats, dehorned, (1) ¾ Boer male, \$50; (1) 92% Boer male, \$100; (1) 98% Boer male, \$100, 8 wks.; (1) reg. 100% Boer male, app. 250 lbs., born '96, granddaddy from Mexico, w/papers, \$300. Jeff Kennedy, Farmerville; (318) 368-3251.

Reg. 100% Boer buck, red herd, 3 yrs., \$275. R. Johnson, Basile; (337) 432-5073.

(3) Reg. pygmy, (2) females are bred, (1) reg. buck, all full-grown, \$100-\$150/1. Charles Rachal, Moreauville; (318) 985-2391.

100% Boer doe, w/papers, w/babies, \$175/1-up; (1) Boer buck, 2 yrs., w/papers, \$160. Jean Fall, Mamou; (337) 468-2157.

Fb IBGA does, bred to full SA buck, some w/kids at side, \$200/1-up. Bennie Byargeon, Vidalia; (318) 336-5735.

Hair sheep, Barbado Katahdin, reg. St. Croix & St. Croix cross, ewes, rams & wethers, \$50/1-up. David Reinhart, Simpson; dplpreinhart@peoplepc.com or (337) 383-6108.

Brush goats, \$35-\$50/1; very large solid wh. herd billy, \$100. Bob Byrd, Walker; (225) 664-5301.

Mixed nannies, some w/kids, some heavy springers, bred to Boer billy, \$75/1-up. Stanley Messer, St. Landry; (318) 838-2273.

AGS reg. Nigerian dwarf kids, born 1/04, very colorful, females, \$125/1; males, \$100/1. Aaron Vince, Maringouin; (225) 625-2214.

4-H/FFA ram, proven quality, \$800; ewes for 4-H/FFA shows, \$75/1-up. Marais Vanicor, Church Point; (337) 684-6941.

Pygmy baby billies, caramel in color, from well-kept herd, \$45/1. Ronnie Saccaro, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-6097.

Katahdin ram, 7 mos., good bloodline, \$100. George Lanclos, Opelousas; (337) 948-9396.

Goats, Boer, young males, \$75; reg. breeder Boer billy, \$175. R. LaBorde, Hessmer; (318) 563-4566.

Wanted: reg. Boer billy for lease, \$20/mo., premium fainter billy for lease, \$20/mo., why feed him yr. round. Grover O'Banion, Ponchatoula; (504) 812-0019.

LIVESTOCK DOGS

Only trained farm stockdogs or offspring from trained stockdogs are eligible to be advertised. Include dog's breeding and special training or ability that qualifies it as a stockdog. A signed statement must accompany each notice indicating these facts before the ad can be published.

Welsh corgi, CKC reg., (2) females, both tri color, 1-2 yrs., out of working stock, \$250/1 or consider trade for different breed. Jackie Beach, Vidalia; (318) 336-1419.

Reg. blue heeler, (1) male, (1) female, born 8/7/03, out of working stock, shots & wormed, \$50/1. Charles Bell, Franklinton; (985) 839-9222.

(7) Reg. Catahoula pups, out of working Catahoula dogs, leopards & tri color, w/shots, \$100/1. Terry Fox, New Iberia; (337) 364-4241.

(6) AKC reg. border collie pups, born, 1/2/04, all males from working parents, both parents on premises, \$150/1. Mac Cornette, Greensburg; (225) 222-6077.

Border collie pups, sire is '00 world champ. cowdog "Rockin G Spurs," mother of pups is sired by 3x USBCHA national finals champ. "Bill," dam's grandparents national & international champs, \$450/1. Mickey Thibodeaux, Greenwell Springs; (225) 261-3886.

Great Pyrenees pups, born 1/9/04, raised w/goats, horses, chickens & children, unpapered, \$100/1. Christy McNair, Jackson; (225) 278-3211.

(3) Siberian husky pups, can be reg., (2) males, w/blue eyes, (1) female w/blue eyes, 6 wks., males, \$150/1; female, \$125. Claiborne Medine, Donaldsonville; (225) 473-7241.

Catahoula male dog, 4 yrs., trained on hogs, would make good squirrel dog, \$125. Berl Stevens, Folsom; (985) 796-5346.

Brittany bird dog, beautiful, red & wh., will hunt or make great yard pet, \$100 or trade. Clyde Milley, Campti; (318) 476-2182.

AKC/UKC blk. lab retriever, female, 2 yrs., sire is HR champ/Candlewoods bloodline,

obedience trained, hips cert., \$300. Jennifer Young, Zachary; (225) 654-3264 or (225) 445-5012.

AKC yellow lab pups, parents hips & eyes cert., health guarantee, champ. bloodlines, \$350/1. J. Young, Zachary; (225) 654-3264 or (225) 445-5012.

UKC blk./tan coonhound pups, ready at the end of Feb., w/first shots & wormed, \$200/1. Jerry Tilley, DeRidder; (337) 462-3919.

SWINE

Feeder hogs, perfect for butcher, 75-150 lbs., \$75-\$100/1. Matt Parker, New Llavo; (337) 535-4968.

#1 Hogs, 180-260 lbs., \$99/1-up; hogs, 90-150 lbs., \$67.5/1-up; feeder pigs, \$35/1-up, all grain fed. Cindy Smith, Bogalusa; (985) 735-9671.

DOMESTIC BIRDS & EQUIPMENT

Young & healthy lovebirds & cockatiels, lovebirds, \$25/45; cockatiels, \$25/45. Robert Legendre, Gonzales; (225) 644-5923.

Quaker parrot, 2 yrs., \$25; female cockatiels, \$25-\$30/1; blue mask mix lovebirds, \$25/1. Chris Nelson, Gonzales; (225) 622-6589.

(2) Patagonian, 1 yr., hf, starting to say a few words, \$275/1. W. Vidrine, Elton; (337) 584-2809.

Ringneck doves, wh. w/blk. spots, wh. w/brown spots, cinn. color, also all wh., not paired, \$5/1. Sybil Gauthier, Hessmer; (318) 563-4338.

Scarlet chested parakeets, (2) bonded pr., \$275/pr.; (3) males, \$125/1; pink w/split pink pr., bourks, \$175/pr.; normal & Rosie bourks, split yellow/pink, \$65/4-up, many others avail. M. Johnston, Patterson; (985) 395-2326.

Quaker parrots, blue, \$425/1; blue split to blue pr., \$675; blue female, \$475; dark-eyed cinn. blue female, 10 mos., \$750; dark-eyed cinn. blue male, \$2000. Carol Phillips, Logansport; www.cdaviary, cdpaviary@msn.com or (318) 697-7241.

Quaker breeder birds, \$200/1-up. James Anderson, Bossier City; (318) 617-0720.

Rainbow lory chicks, hatched Jan. '04, \$150/1-up. Fran St. Pierre, Tickfaw; (985) 429-8212 or (985) 351-3620.

Cockatiel breeders, \$40-\$50/pr.; lovebird breeders, \$25/1; parakeets, young & breeders, \$8/1; finches, young & breeders, \$48/doz. Thelma Breaux, New Iberia; (337) 364-4854.

Proven pr., dbl. yellow, \$1200/pr.; ringnecks, blue, \$250/pr.; albino, proven, \$300/pr. Delane Steib, Vacherie; (225) 265-4824.

Diamond doves, blue-wh. tail, silver-wh. tail, cinn.-wh. tail, yellow-wh. tail, yellow, red, all closed banded, \$20/1-up, will ship. Mervin Faul, Iowa; (337) 582-6674.

Ringneck dove normals & wh., \$7.5 & \$10/1; proven mated prs., \$20 & \$30/pr., will ship. Thomas Rowell, Crowley; (337) 783-5729.

Finches, society, \$5/1; male orange weavers, \$25/1; male red-faced stars, \$50/1; gouldians, \$130-\$250/pr.; blk.-hooded nuns, \$25/1. Mary Perez, Galliano; (985) 632-8580.

Parakeets, \$7/1 or \$5 for (10) or more; lovebirds, \$15/1 or \$12 for (10) or more. Warren Oubre, Litcher; (225) 869-3656.

Ringneck doves, normal color, \$2/1. Richard Millikin, Oak Grove; (318) 428-2604.

Hf RS eclectic babies, hatched 12/04/03, \$450; hf large scarlet macaw baby, w/large yellow feather wing band, hatched 11/30/03, \$850. Mike Dugas, Plattenville; (985) 369-2730.

Wanted: rubena or lutino. M. Johnston, Patterson; (985) 395-2326.

POULTRY, FOWL & EGGS

Pharaoh, Golden Manchurian & wh. quails, newly hatched to full grown, 35¢-\$1.5/1; eggs, 15¢/1; live, \$18/doz.; dressed, \$24/doz. Harry Ardoin, Ville Platte; (337) 363-7176 or (337) 360-2896.

Mixed breed bantams, \$10/pr.; guinea, pure wh., \$10/1; chicks, \$1.5/1; fertile bantam eggs, \$1.5/doz.; silver laced Wyandotte egg, \$1.25. J. L. Duplechin, Gonzales; (225) 644-5407.

Mature marble teals, \$60/pr.; chelo wiggins, mandarin ducks, \$50/pr.; silver pheasants, \$50/pr. Ronald Steib, Vacherie; (225) 265-4824.

(18) Blk. Australorp laying hens, \$50/1. Jerry Schexnayder, Vacherie; (225) 265-2238.

Female greater curassow, \$200. Barry Miller, Church Point; (337) 873-9440 or (337) 334-5225.

Assorted breeds, laying hens, \$4/1. Johnny Williams, Dodson; (318) 628-1733 or (318) 259-9215.

Super large Pharaoh & Manchurian golden quail, hatching eggs, \$25/100, plus \$12 S&H; live birds, 75¢/1-up. G. R. Chauvin, Schriever; (985) 448-3360.

Homestead mixed-breed chickens, males, \$4/1; hens, \$6/1; Marans, a rare French breed, heavy layers of dark brown eggs, chicks, \$10/1. George Waltner, Hammond; (985) 687-5831 or (225) 567-5839.

Barred rock range chicks & fertile eggs, chicks 1-10 wks., \$1/1, plus 25¢ for each additional week; fertile eggs, \$2/doz.; young barred rock roosters, 2-5 lbs., \$2.5/1; wood duck nest boxes, custom built for easy clean out, \$49/1. Keiffer Meyers, Baker; (225) 261-9533.

Pb hens, roosters, pullets, barred rocks, buff orpington, Rhode Island reds, etc., \$3-\$6/1. Abel Andrews, Basile; (337) 432-6304 or (337) 432-5071.

(3) Silky roosters, \$6/1. Donald Miller, Walker; (225) 665-5576.

XL Pharaoh quail, chicks, 25¢/1; adults, \$1.5-\$2/1; fertile eggs, 10¢/1; non-fertile eggs, 6¢/1. Patti Arnold, Cecilia; (337) 667-6632.

Bobwhite quail eggs, Georgia Giant, \$30/100 eggs. Preston Mire, Crowley; (337) 783-6635.

Ringneck pheasants, \$8-10/1;

bobwhite quail, \$3/1; pheasant eggs, 75¢/1; pheasant chicks, 1 & 2 wks., \$3/1; melanistic pheasants, 1 & 2 wks., \$3/1; eggs, 75¢/1. Geraldine Janise, Church Point; (337) 684-6871.

Adult India blue peafowl, \$150/pr. Bob Byrd, Walker; (225) 664-5301.

Pullets for sale, \$7/1. Floyd Cook, St. Amant; (225) 622-6188 or (225) 675-2674.

Large wooden incubator, holds (416) eggs, made by Leahy manufacturer, good shape, \$350. Henry Binning, Mansfield; (318) 872-0840.

Hens, \$6/1; roosters, \$4/1; silkies, \$8/1; baby chicks, \$1.5/1; ducks, \$6/1. Gladys Oestriecher, Lacombe; (985) 882-7598 or (985) 882-6522.

Custom-made chicken laying house, several built nest boxes, made of treated lumber & alum. siding, doors all around, will load on 16' trailer, \$225. Matthew Givs, Sunset; (337) 662-3637 or (337) 299-3453.

Mallard ducks, eggs, babies & mature flyers, 50¢-\$8.00/1. Jennifer Young, Zachary; (225) 654-3264 or (225) 445-5012.

Peafowl, (1) pr. mature India blues, \$150/pr.; '03 hatch India blues, blk. shouldered, solid wh., \$30/1; young cochon bantams, \$3/1. Mark Lumetta, Amite; (985) 748-6257.

Mallard ducks, drakes & hens, \$5/1. Dana Floyd, Morgan City; danacfloyd@yahoo.com or (985) 384-7116.

Adult wh. muscovy ducks, \$5/1; baby muscovy ducks, \$1.5/1. James Vidrine, Ville Platte; (337) 363-0447.

Blue peacocks, (2) males, summer '03 hatch, \$25/1. George Hauser, DeRidder; (337) 463-4023.

Game breeds, grays, buchters & raptors, \$15/1-up. Matt Westmoreland, Franklinton; (985) 839-5713.

Old English game bantams, silver duckwing, crele, B.B. red, brown red, silver seabright, starting to lay, \$20/pr. or \$25/trio. Ross Hunt, Mansfield; (318) 872-1437.

Wanted: wh. peacocks, male or female, at least 3 yrs., will p/u anywhere in La. Dana Floyd, Morgan City; danacfloyd@yahoo.com or (985) 384-7116.

Wanted: grown female Rouen hens or any type hen ducks. Henry Binning, Jr., Mansfield; (318) 872-0840.

Wanted: English callers, mallards, Rouens, Peking, turkeys, silver, phoenix, also hatching eggs of any kind. Tracy Miller Church Point; (337) 873-9440 or (337) 334-5225.

Wanted: chickens, ducks, guinea, turkeys, geese, bantams, pullets, half & full grown etc. Wilbur Leger, Rayne; (337) 334-4949.

Wanted: grown turkey hens. Perry Threton, Springfield; (225) 695-6238.

Wanted: wh. male Sebastopol goose, buff & gray Sebastopol geese, gray & buff saddleback Pomeranian geese, American buff geese, any common geese. Barry Miller, Church Point; (337) 873-9440 or (337) 334-5225.

Wanted: egg incubators, such as

GQF sportsman, but will consider all, any cond. Mike Guillot, Holden; (225) 294-3135.

PIGEONS

White fan-tailed pigeons, \$6/1. Stanley Messer, Sr., St. Landry; (318) 838-2273.

Mookees, arc angels & pheasant pigeons, \$5/1. Floyd LeBouef, Church Point; (337) 684-2251.

Silver Kings, wh. kings, ready to eat or breed, \$4/1. Lloyd Menard, Sr., Eunice; (337) 457-3959.

Texas pioneer pigeons, \$25/pr. Ralph Swire, Grand Chenier; (337) 538-2595.

Wanted: 1-2 pr. of good blk. racing homers. Larry Prince, New Iberia; (337) 367-7515.

DEER & EXOTICS

Water buffalo, cow & '03 spring calves, 4 pr., \$2000/pr. Herbert LeJeune, Oakdale; (337) 639-2953.

Whitetail deer, (2) bucks, (3) does, \$3900/all obo. JW Ryder, Deville; (318) 466-3559 or (318) 419-8857.

Rocky mountain elk, male & female, 18 mos.-4 1/2 yrs., \$800/1-up. Ivan Edwards, Sr., Ringgold; (318) 894-9586.

Whitetail yrlg. does & bucks, \$300/1-up, mature does, \$400. Bryan McDaniel, Turkey Creek; (337) 461-2998.

RABBITS & EQUIPMENT

(30) Mini rex breeder rabbits, complete w/cages, auto water system & feeders, w/hutches, \$500/all. Jerome Hammons, Many; (318) 256-2420.

San Juans, Florida cottontails, crosses, \$5/1-up; other breeds, \$5/1-up; new wire cages, \$15/1-up. Ishreal Thibodeaux, Opelousas; (337) 942-7726.

Pb dwarfs & dwarf lops, \$10/1; new wire cages, \$20/1. Matt Westmoreland, Franklinton; (985) 839-5713.

Bunny rabbits & cages, Jersey woolies, Netherland dwarfs, mini rex, Holland lops, NZW, Flemish giants, satin, some pedigreed for show, \$10/1-up. Mark Dugas, Church Point; (337) 684-3328.

Dwarf rabbits, mostly adults, \$5/1-up. Fran St. Pierre, Tickfaw; (985) 429-8212.

Mix breed rabbit babies, \$5/1; breeding age, \$10/1. J. L. Duplechin, Gonzales; (225) 644-5407.

Wanted: Britannia petite, any age. Mark Dugas, Church Point; (337) 684-3328.

AQUACULTURE & EQUIPMENT

18' Alum. skiff, w/26-gal. built-in gas tank, 55 hp Mercury Sea-Pro motor, custom-built trailer, excel. for crawfishing, \$3500. W. Lafleur, Pride; (225) 654-4026.

FARM SERVICES

Protect your investment & your friend, freeze branding now avail., ID that is humane & visible year-round, \$45. Kim Ballard, Cade; (337) 344-3171.

All types of dirt work, laser leveling, ponds, federal program work, site prep & landfills. Byron Lemoine, Hamburg; (318) 997-2163.

Field fencing, barbwire fencing, chain-link fencing, all types of fencing, new installation or repair. Cindy Smith, Bogalusa; (985) 735-9671.

Custom hay baling, rd. or sq., complete trac. & hauling service, bush hogging, discing, front loader & blade work, new reliable equipment, free estimates. Mathew Parker, Leesville; (337) 535-4968.

We build pole-hay barns & equipment sheds, catch pens & totally enclosed shops, etc. E.H. Welch, Kentwood; (985) 229-8590.

SEEDS, FLOWERS & ORNAMENTALS

2003 Hot Peter pepper seeds, \$1/100-seed pkt., w/SASE. Cleveland Guidry, 918 E. Ash Street, Crowley, LA, 70526; (337) 783-2042.

Birdhouse & dipper gourds, cushaw green stripe, reg. green & long green eggplant, 8" long, cayenne pepper, \$1.5/30 seeds, w/SASE. James Robin, Sr., 4017 Hwy. 357, Opelousas, LA, 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Stokes, touch me not, bird of paradise bush, candle tree, cleome, clerodendrum, gaura, shrimps, macenta locust, echinacea, globe thistle, American wisteria, generous count, \$1/1, w/SASE. Sandra Bullock, 2664 Miller Ave., Westlake, LA, 70669; (337) 436-0579.

Attractive Peter, birdseye, zoto & giant bell peppers, oblong, rd., blk. elongated eggplants, long handle & cucuzza squash gourds, morning glory, purple bean & pin-cushion vines, \$1.5/pkt., w/SASE. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA, 70601; (337) 478-7075.

Landscape mulch pine straw, machine baled, premium quality mulch, clean, \$4/1 in barn, Slidell area. Bruce Wallis, New Orleans; (504) 483-7775.

Wanted: velvet bean seed. Jimmie Newsom, Kelly; (318) 649-8531.

TREES & FRUITING VINES

Shade trees, large container grown, various species, 15-gal., \$30/1; 30-gal., \$75/1, min. purchase (5), view by appt., volume discounts. Cecil Brooking, Ferriday; (318) 757-3904.

Cypress trees, 4'-5', \$8-\$10/1. D. Bordelon, Ponchatoula; (985) 345-4280.

Japanese plums, \$5/1-up; yellow cassia & rain trees, \$4/1-up; celeste, green ishia & honey dew figs, \$8/1; Mamou plant, \$10/1, others at place. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA, 70601; (337) 478-7075.

Vegetable pears, merlitos, well rooted, 2-gal. pots, heavy producer, \$3-\$5/1. E.J. Flanagan, Hammond; (985) 345-1498.

Fig trees, 2 yrs., \$9.5/2-gal., at place, 10 varieties, SASE for list, will ship dormant, \$12 S&H included. Betty Robin, 4017 Hwy. 357, Opelousas, LA, 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Celeste & brown turkey fig, \$8; southern magnolia, \$8-\$10/1; Japanese yew, Japanese plum, \$8/3-gal.; Chinese fan palm, dwarf pomegranate, \$8/3-gal.; monkey grass, 75¢/3 qt. James Stelly, Eunice; (337) 457-4528.

FERTILIZER

Barnyard manure, for shrubbery, bedding, you load, \$2/100 lbs., no Sunday business. Harold Loewer, Eunice; (337) 457-4487.

Free compost. Cecil Myers, Jennings; (337) 821-5882.

HAY & GRAIN

Rd. bales of hay, we. del. min. (11) bales, \$25/1. Lisa Broussard, Broussard; (337) 277-3547.

Bahia, Rye grass & clover hay, sq. bales, \$3.5/1; 5x6 rd. bales of Bahia, rye grass or mixed clover hay, \$24/1. Carroll Gueho; Baton Rouge; (225) 766-2363.

2004 Alicia/Bahia/Tifton 44, starting 5/11/04 hay cutting beginning, get your order in now, 4x5 rd. bales, \$25/1 in field, \$35/1, del. avail. Wayne Ward, Saline; 179erma@bellsouth.net, (318) 576-3389 or (318) 471-9273.

Kansas Alfalfa hay, horse quality, \$7.5/1 or \$7/1 for (50) or more. Ivan Edwards, Sr., Ringgold; (318) 894-9586.

2003 Season Bahia hay, well fert. & cured w/o rain, (300) sq. bales, in barn, \$2.5/1; (300) 4x5 rd. bales, \$20/1. Ike Nichols, Kinder; (337) 639-2140.

2003 Quality Jiggs Bermuda, \$3.5/bale, in barn; \$4-\$4.5/bale delivered, not unloaded. Don Bernard, Broussard; (337) 989-9675.

2003 Bahia & Jiggs Bermuda, 4x6 rd. bales, \$20 for Bahia; \$30 for Jiggs, del. \$5/1. Donald Crawford, Broussard; (337) 989-9675.

Fert. Bahia, Alicia, 4x5 rd. bales, conditioned cut & cured, \$20/1. C. M. Duplechian, Jennings; (337) 824-2989.

New & old Bermuda & various other kinds of hay, all from fert. production, you load, \$2-\$4/1, no Sunday calls. Harold Loewer, Eunice; (337) 457-4487.

4x5 rolls of Bahia hay, fert. to soil test, in barn, no weeds, excel. quality horse hay, del. avail., \$30/1. Joe Pieri, Folsom; (985) 796-9538 or (504) 628-5361.

Alicia Bermuda grass hay, clean, fertilized to soil test, sq. bales,

\$3.5/1; 4x5 rd. bales, \$20/1; cow hay, sq. bales, \$2/1, del. avail. Roy Varnado, Jr., Iota; (337) 824-3887.

2003 Fall season Bahia sq. bales, in barn, cured w/o rain, \$2.5/1. George Banks, Bogalusa; (985) 732-3950.

Mixed grass hay, 5x6 rolls, \$18/1, will load. Roger Byone, Cloutierville; (318) 379-0147.

Bahia 4x5 rd. bales, horse quality, cured w/o rain, in barn, \$25/1; cow hay, outside, \$20/1. Homer Dutsch, Bush; (985) 892-4041.

Bahia sq. bales, in barn, \$2.25/1. Louis Blanchard, St. Amant; (225) 644-2745.

Alicia Bermuda hay, \$2-\$3.5/1, depending on quality, (25) bale minimum sale. Doug Dorhauer, Denham Springs; (225) 665-2788.

Jiggs & Bahia, 5x5 rd. bales, cured w/o rain, fert., hard bales, \$17-\$20, quantity discounts avail. Miles Briley, Opelousas; (337) 543-2270.

Bahia hay, rd. bales, '02 \$10-\$12/1, '03 hay \$16/1, we load. Ina Laprarie, Deville; (318) 466-5529.

Quality Alicia Bermuda sq. bales, highly fert., weed free, in barn, \$3.6/1. Clay Pierce, Thibodaux; (504) 446-0234 or (504) 447-6100.

2003 Alicia Bahia 4x5 rd. bales, in barn, \$30/1; cattle mixed grass, \$15/1. Brandy Cella, Bush; (985) 892-0240.

Alicia Bermuda, horse quality, \$3.25/1; wheat straw, \$2.5/1; Bahia, \$2.75-\$3/1; 5x5 rd. bales, crabgrass, Bahia, Alicia, \$17-\$35/1, most under shed, sq. bales you load, rd. bales we load. David Fontenot, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4334 or (337) 363-3523.

Argentine Bahia sq. bales, \$2.75/1. Willie Lewis, Montpelier; (225) 777-4880.

Sq. bales of Bahia & mixed grass, fert., no rain, \$2-\$2.25/1, after 5 p.m. Robert Roberts, Tickfaw; (985) 345-3330.

4x5 Rd. bales of Bahia, in barn, fertilized to soil test, cured w/o rain, will load, \$25/1. D. Schleismann, Husser; (985) 748-7663.

2003 Mixed grass hay, 4x5 rolls, baled July-Sept. w/o rain, \$15/1; will del. within 50 miles, \$1.5. David McDaniel, Ville Platte; (337) 461-2499 or (337) 831-3746.

Sq. bales, fert., clean, cured w/o rain, no weeds, Bahia, \$2.75/1; rye grass, \$3/1. Lew Overton, Slaughter; (225) 654-0086.

Rd. bales Bahia hay, 5x5, fert., limed & cured w/o rain, stored in barn, \$20/1. Ernest Rion, Jr., Reeves; (337) 666-2404 or (337) 370-7620.

2003 Rice straw, 4x5 bales, will load, \$10/1; will deliver, \$15/1. Ricky Fontenot; (337) 363-6049.

Bahia mixed hay, 5x5 bales, cured w/o rain, \$20/1 or \$17/1 per (100) del. avail. Berwick Olivier, Bourg; (985) 594-2740.

Good fert. Argentine Bahia horse quality hay, sq. bales, in barn, \$3.5/1. Tommy Smith, Denham Springs; (225) 664-2399.

2003 Grass hay, fert., 5x6 rd. bales, \$22.5/1, will load. James Leger, Eunice; (337) 207-5895.

5x5 Bahia rd. bales, \$15/1. Ken Wagley, Church Point; (337) 684-0105.

Alicia Bermuda rd. bales, stored under barn on plastic, \$25/1. George Provost, Denham Springs; (225) 664-3060.

2003 Quality Jiggs hay, fert. & cured w/o rain, \$50/3. Jerry Lanclos, Opelousas; (337) 879-2438.

2003 Shelled corn, \$7/100 lb. sack. George Lanclos, Opelousas; (337) 948-9396.

TRACTORS & EQUIPMENT

JD 4430 trac., 125 hp, cab/ac, duals, quad range trans., 90% rubber on rear tires, \$11,900. Scott Bickham, St. Francisville; (225) 635-3354.

G JD, \$400; IH, not running, \$400/1. Marion Stewart, Vidalia; (318) 336-7815.

2-Row hipper, \$285; 2-row cult., \$250; 1-row cult., \$115; 2-row middle buster, \$175, all 3 pt. hitch; 860 Ford power master, gas, 5 spd., bush hog, box blade, \$4200. Jimmy Pitre, West Monroe; (318) 322-6348.

371 Detroit diesel engine, fan to fly wheel, \$1500; JD 4216 engine, for parts, \$500. George Sonnier, Lake Charles; (337) 477-5111.

MF 240 diesel trac., 40 hp, \$8500; MF 255, 55 hp, diesel, \$8000. Ernest Webb, Choudrant; (318) 768-2685.

(6) Wheel weights for JD 4020 & (4) wheel weights for JD 2510, \$50/1 or \$400/all. Cedric Rabalais, Cottonport; (318) 964-2971.

NH cutter, in shed, farm ready, \$850. Kenneth Holt, Heflin; (318) 894-9331.

JD backhoe 9250, w/3 pt. quick hitch, \$650. Morris Pitre, Opelousas; (337) 543-7289.

10' Howse bush hog, pull type, \$900. Raymond Peters, Oakdale; (318) 748-8863.

Ford bush hog, gearbox doesn't leak, new gasket, body needs work, working cond., 5' wide, 3 pt. hitch, \$150. Louis Van Hoof, Lecompte; (318) 776-5405.

Int. "C" trac., Int. "M" trac., (2) Int. "H" tracs., needs restoring, \$1000/all. Louie Dunn, Grayson; (318) 649-7284.

Ford 3000 diesel trac., p/s, 8 spd., \$4800; MF 35, 6 spd., gas engine, \$2900. J. Guillot, Hessmer; (318) 563-4776.

Kubota 80 hp, cab/air, radio, tinted glass, bush hog loader, like new, 830 hrs., \$22,000; 3000 Ford 2-stage clutch, power steering, new front tires, excel. cond., \$5000. Jimmy McNeil, Oak Grove; (318) 428-7769.

Int. Super "C", 3 pt. hitch, cult., wide front-end, excel. cond., \$2500; JD 330, diesel, 48" cut, hyd. & hydrostat, \$2500. B. J. McNeil, Oak Grove; (318) 428-3991.

Bush hog, 7' comm. pull-type, 100 hp gearbox, heavy-duty, \$1000; JD 4-row planter, w/gauge wheels, cult. & row hipers, w/row markers, \$800; JD 1-row planters, \$275. P. J. McCollough, Pitkin; (318) 358-3329.

Heavy-duty 10', 3 pt. Byonic dirt blade, cons. type, \$1000; heavy-duty, front-end hay spear, universal, new, \$275; heavy-duty

comm. 6' flail mower & 5' farm type, \$550/1. J. McCollough, Pitkin; (318) 358-3329.

847 NH rd. baler, \$1500; Rhino SR120, 10' bush hog, \$2000; 8' Kuhn hay cutter, \$1500. M. T. Nichols, Boyce; (318) 793-8889.

NH skidder, w/6' wide bucket, set of hyd. forks & extra set of wide wheels, \$3000. J. C. Landreneau, Ville Platte; (337) 363-6088.

NH 1032 bale wagon, 70 bale capacity, field ready, \$3800. C. Waskom, Franklinton; (985) 839-6369.

Case Int. 265 offset diesel trac., w/front & rear hyd., same set up as 140 Int., \$5000. Henry Amato, Independence; (985) 878-6566.

570 NH sq. baler, '03 model, baled 2000 bales, still under warranty, \$12,000; Dew-Ezee hay mobile, 6-cyl. motor, good cond., \$5800. Johnny Caraway, Ruston; (318) 251-0677.

1986 Ford 5600, 4-cyl. diesel trac., new tires & battery, 6' bush hog, 3 yrs., \$7500. Joey Ducote, Ville Platte; (318) 201-7353 or (337) 461-2586.

IH 5488 trac., cab/ac, w/duals, new tires, new engine, \$14,000. James Stacy, Natchitoches; (318) 352-3692.

2003 Tounti 10-wheel "V" hay rake, hyd. fold, excel. cond., used (1) season, \$2400. Melanie Rachal, Ville Platte; (337) 363-6641 or (337) 831-1102.

JD 70 diesel, \$4000. Darien Milton, Hammond; (225) 567-5817.

JD 790, 30 hp trac., 60" comm. JD belly mower, p/s, 263 hrs., excel. cond., turf tires, front & rear PTO, \$9000. Mike Vandeveld, Alexandria; (318) 473-0389.

1997 Mahindra trac., 50 hp w/canopy, hyd., 400 hrs., excel. cond., shed kept, \$8200. Christy Dicap, Leonville; (337) 879-2551.

JD 4630 trac., \$10,000; JD 9950 cotton picker, \$20,000; JD 699 cotton picker, \$1000; JD 6600 combine/corn/bean hd, \$8500. Doug Cox, Baton Rouge; (225) 241-9809 or (225) 753-8277.

JD 6000 Hi cycle, \$13,000; JD 230 disc, \$2600; JD 6-row, 42" row rotary, \$1000; JD 6-row, 42" row, cult., \$1000; JD 6-row, 42" row hipers, \$1000. Victor Cox, Baton Rouge; (225) 241-9809 or (225) 753-8277.

JD 6-row, 42" row busters, \$800; JD 6-row 42" row WF disc, \$1800; Reynolds Land Plane, \$1000; W & A 6-row, 42" row crop maker, \$800. Donna Cox, Baton Rouge; (225) 241-9809 or (225) 753-8277.

Lilli 6-row, 42" rows, cult., \$1000; JD 6-row, 42" row bed leveler, \$1200; Taylor 15" shredder, \$5000; Bat bush hog, \$5800. Scarlet Cox, Baton Rouge; (225) 241-9809 or (225) 753-8277.

1998 Ransome 728D comm. mower, 6' deck, 28 hp diesel, 1200 hrs., reduced to \$3200; Ferris 48" comm. hydrostatic mower, reduced to \$1200. Dwayne Riche, Cottonport; (318) 964-2473.

Crustbuster grain drill, excel. cond., \$1500; W&A 8-row hipper w/Orthman row markers, excel. cond., \$2600; irrigation pumps, 6" x 8", trailer mounted, PTO driven,

excel. cond., \$1500. Bobby Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

Vermeer hayfork forklift, will stack hay (3) bales high, good cond., \$1600. Roger Byone, Cloutierville; (318) 379-0147.

Ford 8N trac., perfect cond., built for hi-crop & converts to 12-volt system, \$2000. Lawrence Broussard, Erath; (337) 937-5435.

Spray rig on trailer, PTO, pump & spray wand, 125-gal. tank, \$300 or trade; 3 pt. post-hole digger, 9" & 4" augers, \$200 obo; (2) bottom plow, \$150 obo; 3 pt. dbl. gang disc, 6' wide, \$400 obo; 3 pt. row maker, \$150 obo; 275-gal. OB rd. diesel tank w/12 volt pump, \$350 obo. Ronnie Guidroz, Iowa; (337) 478-6955.

1993 Ford 3930, 45 hp, diesel, excel. cond., \$10,000 obo; '99 Ford 3930 45 hp, w/front-end loader & rear hyd., excel. cond., \$15,000 obo. R. Guidroz, Iowa; (337) 478-6955.

3 pt. hitch 110-gal. sprayer, \$125; row shapers, \$125; middle buster, \$125; cult., \$60; rolling cult, \$75; prime rigger, \$325, all w/tool bars. Terry Stewart, Maurepas; (225) 695-6769.

Farmall Cub w/IHC belly mower, runs well, looks good, good tires, \$2250; Farmall Cub, w/disc plow, works well, \$1650. M. Scheffler, Minden; (318) 377-5918.

1953 Farmall Super "M" PTO 3 hp, 50 hp, new alt., excel. running cond., \$1750; '51 Allis Chalmers WD, 35 hp, restored, too many parts to list, \$2500; '44 JD B, needs crank & roll bearings, \$800. Willie Hurst, Greensburg; (225) 222-6564.

1995 Komatsu D58-P dozer, 6-way blade, wide pads, new tracks, sprocket, rollers, cutter blade & paint, excel. cond., 5400 hrs., \$30,000. L. Preston, Houma; (985) 868-9019.

1049 Farmall "M", 40 hp, 3 pt. hitch, PTO, good trac. to restore, \$300; (1) set of 1-row hipers, excel. cond., \$400. Shawn Hurst, Greensburg; (225) 222-6564.

JD 4020, '67 w/8" dozer blade, \$5000. Albert Crader, Lake Arthur; (337) 774-5658.

Ford 1710 diesel, w/ROPS, \$4500; Ford 1600 diesel, wide front, \$2000; Ford 4630 diesel, p/s, ROPS, \$9000; Ford 1500 diesel, wide front, \$1500; NH 1044, 120-bale, bale wagon, \$5250; NH 256 roller bar rake, \$750; NH 451 side bar cutter, \$350. R. Coldiron, Jonesville; (318) 339-7876.

1996-1997 Case 580 SK backhoe, low hrs., \$17,000; NH 1044 auto bale wagon, 120-bale capacity, \$5250; NH 452 disc mower, \$2500; MF '93 model, 362 trac., \$7500; JD 263 diesel, 2-post canopy, \$6895. J. R. Coldiron, Jonesville; (318) 729-3441.

8' Mohawk pull-type pasture clipper, rear discharge, gear driven, \$2000; 5' Andy bush hog, \$350. Brent Devall, Livingston; (225) 698-6790.

JD 650, 18 hp, yard trac., w/4' box blade & 4' King Kutter brand bush hog, 3 yrs., \$3800. Rogers DeHart, Gibson; (985) 575-3410.

Dixon ZTR mower, 10 hp Briggs & Stratton, 30" cut, just serviced by Dixon dealer, excel. cond.,

\$1500. Joe Pieri, Folsom; (504) 628-5361.

JD 6200, 66 hp, 12 spd. Syncro-Plus trans., w/cab/air, radio, new rear tires, 5000 hrs., used only in hay field, extra clean, excel. cond., \$18,500; Kuhn 600, 8' hay cutter, used 2 seasons, very clean & like cond., \$4800. Ike Nichols, Kinder; (337) 639-2140.

Case 1170 trac., w/rebuilt engine & 3 pt. hitch, good cond., reduced to \$4900. Glen Stephens, Woodworth; (318) 448-1594.

Bionic type grader blades, new, 5', \$599; 6', \$699; 8' w/hyd. top hitch, \$1550; 9' w/hyd. top hitch & side hyd. to move blades, \$3150. Mike Passman, Amite; (985) 748-5094.

3 pt. hitch wicker weed bar, \$150. R. LaBorde, Hessmer; (318) 563-4566.

28' W&A Do-all, new shanks & sweeps, \$2500. Paul Mire, Church Point; (337) 873-4449 or (337) 781-1213.

Deutx D45-07 trac., '85, 43 hp, 2650 hrs., canopy, 2400 QT, Bush Hog loader, looks good, mechanically great, \$6500. L. L. Robinson, Quitman; (318) 259-4598.

1997 JD LX 188 riding lawn-mower, 48" deck, \$1200. Paul Newton, Bunkie; (318) 346-2905 or (318) 447-6140.

(2) Chopping discs, 3 pt. hitch, 6' disc, has 4-gangs of 5, each 20", scalloped blades, like new, \$350 & \$550. Mike Guillot, Holden; (225) 294-3135.

1981 Belaris trac., 250, 31 hp, w/5' bush hog, \$2500. Carl Juneau, Ponchatoula; (225) 294-2439.

IH DT 436 engine, \$1000, starter & carburetor for IH Cub & trac. Shawn Peck, Arnaudville; (337) 945-2700.

350-Gal. spray tank & pump, pull behind, \$450; Int. sickle mower, 6', good working cond., \$350; 7' packer, pull behind, \$275. James Chenevert, Livonia; (225) 637-3594.

851 NH rd. baler, excel. cond., hyd. tie, new apron chain, floor channels, floor chains, field ready & kept under barn, \$2950. J. Chenevert, Livonia; (225) 637-3594.

Red cub trac., belly mower, \$2200; 806 Int. trac., \$4500; heavy-duty subsoiler, pulled by dozer w/winch, \$850; large oat crimper, \$995. J. L. Beasley, Baker; (225) 775-4355 or (225) 775-3362.

Cat trac. & equip., Int. 140, \$2500; (2) model 479 haybines, salvage, \$100/1. Robert Ortego, Washington; (337) 826-5245.

Int. 1466 for parts, \$1500. Jake McCain, Sweet Lake; (337) 598-4886.

JD 8-row hipper, straight bar Orthman markers, \$2000; Taylorway 8-row crop maker cult., folding bar, \$2000. Jonathan Chatelain, Marksville; (318) 253-8110.

Motor grader blade, circle gear box, "A" frame, \$550; winch for D7 Cat dozer, \$450; cutting blade for D7 or HD-16, \$1250. E. Plessala, New Iberia; (337) 365-5182.

Krone 150, 4x4 baler, excel. cond., kept in barn, good, dependable baler, \$3500; Walton 3 hp V-rake, good cond., \$600; P-2 drum cutter, good cond., \$800, all ready for field. Dale Cain, Pride; (225)

262-4592.

Wanted: Deutz Fahr rd. hay baler, for parts. Milton Vaughn; (225) 545-8598.

Wanted: used trac., any cond. Jack Mitchell, Robeline; (318) 472-6413.

Wanted: belly mower & disc, for IH cub trac., within 40 or 50 miles of Clarence. Jimmy Howell, Clarence; (318) 352-2075.

Wanted: used plow disc blades, any size. Tracy Miller, Church Point; (337) 873-9440 or (337) 334-5225.

Wanted: hyd. log splitter, for firewood, w/bad motor or trac. driven. J. W. Willis, Elm Grove; (318) 747-0079.

Wanted: 8-10 harrow, good cond. George Reemetter, Slaughter; (225) 654-2763.

Wanted: (2) 11.2 x 24 used trac. tires. Bob Harbison, DeRidder; (337) 462-5502.

Wanted: 10' hyd. disc, good cond., enclosed bearings. G. Remmetter, Slaughter; (225) 654-2763.

Wanted: old iron wheel trac. & mule drawn equipment. Harry Trichel, Campti; (318) 476-2653.

Wanted: (2) tires for 424 trac., 13.6 x 28, mounted on 8-lug hole rims. Donald Burley, Monterey; (318) 386-2212.

Wanted: used rear trac. tires, size 18.4 x 30 fair, useable cond. Al Cormier, Ragley; (337) 725-6104.

Wanted: JD 7720 or JD 9500 combine, 918 platform or 222 platform. P. Berard, Breaux Bridge; (337) 845-4685.

Wanted: 5' brush cutter, manufactured by Dunham Manufacturing Int. in Minden during the late '60s & '70s. Frank Rawls, Crossett, AR; (870) 364-5706.

Wanted: top link to fit IH 1466, in good cond. Bryan McDaniel, Turkey Creek; (337) 461-2998

Wanted: old JD 410 rd. baler, for parts. Jerry Sharp, Jr., Clayton; (318) 757-7421 or (318) 757-2822.

Wanted: 450-Case dozers, in any cond., whole or in parts. P.R. Krantz, Krotz Springs; (337) 566-3518.

FARM TRUCKS & RELATED PARTS

1988 Model Suzuki Samurai, 4 wd, new paint, excel. cond., \$1500. Jerome Hammons, Many; (318) 256-2420.

1997 S-10 Chevy ext. cab, excel. cond., new tires, timing chain, good truck, new head & alt., \$2500. Martin Bailey, Ville Platte; (337) 599-2865.

2002 Sierra GMC, V8, auto, towing, extra leaf in spring, 255 x 70-16 tires, 40K miles, bed liner & rails, \$13,000. M. Bailey, Ville Platte; (337) 599-2865.

1985 Ford Bronco II, 4x4, good cond., \$1600. Marion Stewart, Vidalia; (318) 336-7815.

Ford E40D trans., 7K miles in storage, \$800; HD Koeing work bed, w/8-compartments, primed, mounted on '68 Ford p/u, \$500. K. McCollough, Pitkin; (318) 358-3329.

1980 Ford 350 truck, \$650. Doug Cox, Baton Rouge; (225) 241-9809 or (225) 753-8277.

1969 Ford Ranchero, \$500. Harry Trichel, Campti; (318) 476-2653.

1988 Chevy 1500 Silverado, ext. cab, long body, extra clean, runs great, 350 V8, overdrive, auto trans., cold air, power locks & windows, high mileage, but kept like new, \$2500. Ed Durr, Jr., Amite; (985) 748-5556.

Late model ¾-ton truck rear end, like new, 373 gear ratio, came off Chevy, complete w/brake drums & cables, \$700. Paula Durr, Jr., Amite; (985) 748-5556.

(6) Goodyear G188 11.00R20 truck tires, (4) new, (2) more than one half tread, \$400/all. Orvin Nichols, Leesville; (337) 239-3152.

1987 F250 Ford truck, 6.9 diesel, needs very little work, \$2500 obo. Cody Adickes, Jennings; (337) 658-7466.

Grain truck, w/auger, need repair, \$3000; 1-ton winch truck, \$1250. J. L. Beasley, Baker; (225) 775-4355.

(2) Chevy dually trucks 3500, '96 diesel 6.4 extended cab, \$10,000; 2 5/16" ball, '00 gas 7.4, 4-door crew cab, \$15,000 2 5/16". Michael Torres, Laplace; (985) 652-5910.

1979 Chevrolet C65 grain truck, 20' greenbilt box, 550 bushel capacity, good tires, excel. cond., low miles, \$5000; like new Hiniker 6-row tool, \$1000. Jerry Berard, Breaux Bridge; (337) 332-3139.

1965 Chevy model 60 1 ½-ton 283 engine, 2 spd. rear axle, 14 x 7 ½ dump bed, 2' sides, twin hyd. rams, good tires, (2) spares, 15K miles, kept in shed, \$4500. Lloyd Richard, Vinton; (337) 589-7680.

1970 Ford 6-yard dump truck, all new tires, \$2300. Richard Reeves, Kinder; (337) 639-2602.

1984 Isuzu diesel, long bed p/u, new paint, lots of chrome, new injection system, runs like new, excel. cond., \$3499 cash. Albert Browning, Winnsboro; (318) 435-4824.

43' Lufkin flatbed, Budds, radicals, ratchets, head board, \$3500; '98 36' gooseneck, 102" wide, dovetail, ramps, 20K capacity, \$4500. Mike Towns, Arcadia; (318) 263-3000.

1989 Chevy C-70 box truck, 8' x 13', 8.2L, Detroit diesel, Allison auto trans., 131,000 miles, 4 wheel disc brakes, 50-gal. tank, extra storage box, excel. shape, good for seed, feed, etc., \$7500 firm. Brian Stephens, Mansura; (318) 964-5795.

Cowboy truck sleeper, \$250; PTO winch, w/150' cable, \$300; PTO w/stub shafts & universal joints for connections, \$300; VE4 Wisconsin engine, good cond., \$200. James Sprague, New Iberia; (337) 364-2743.

1990 GMC 1-ton, extra cab, 454 4 spd., a/c, gooseneck hookup, many new parts, runs well, body rough, \$2000. Shane Delee, Jackson; (225) 634-5867.

1994 Chevy 1-ton, mint cond., auto, cold a/c, 1 owner, 75,000 miles, \$15,000. Jeff Martin, Baker; (225) 921-1010 or (225) 261-4544.

Super major engine & parts, 55 hp, diesel, new rebuilt, new front tires, rebuilt injectors, rebuilt fuel pump, mains, rod bar-

rens & oil pump, sleeve & pistons, \$1500. Hubert Savoy, Rayne; (337) 334-2968.

Factory made winch bumper, heavy duty, fits Dodge, \$250. James Mercer, Winnfield; (318) 628-4344.

1993 F-350 crew cab, 7.3 diesel, wrecked in front, all or parts, good bed, rear end, engine, 5 spd. trans. & cab, \$3500 obo; '90 F-250 7.36 diesel, reg. cab, 5 spd. trans., new clutch, water pump, fuel pump, rear tires & shocks, \$3500 obo. Landon Richards, Greenwell Springs; (225) 658-0357.

1990 Ford L9000, single axle, dual wheels, 300 cummins, 7 spd. trans., 5th-wheel & gooseneck hookups, elec. brake controller & air brake setup, good cond., ready to work, \$6500. Alvin Rachal, Ville Platte; (337) 363-6641.

TRAILERS, WAGONS & EQUIPMENT

Bell 2 cotton trailer, \$500. Doug Cox, Baton Rouge; (225) 241-9809 or (225) 753-8277.

20' Lowboy w/rails, bumper pull trailer, folding ramps, 12,000 lb. axles, elec. brakes, 16" tires, w/spare, \$2000 obo; Jayco pop-up camper, 14', (2) axles, sleeps 6, bath & kitchen, \$5000 obo. Ronald Guidroz, Iowa; (337) 478-6955.

40' x 8' x 8' cotton trailer, heavy-duty, good cond., \$475; (2) 24' x 8' x 6' cotton trailers, real good, \$425/1; 1000-gal. A. A. tank on 4-wheel trailer, \$395. A. J. Bradley, Transylvania; (318) 552-6265.

Trailer axle for 6 ½' trailer, \$100. Shawn Peck, Arnaudville; (337) 945-2700.

1996 Sundowner GN, 4-horse slant, drop-down windows, H/T, grills on head, new rubber & lights, living quarters, w/shower, a/c & heat, \$15,000 firm. Douglas White, Walker; (225) 791-2514.

1998 Exiss 24' 3-horse slant aluminum trailer, rear tack, living quarters, a/c, shower, lavatory, storage box, cargo rack, w/ladder on top, excel. cond., \$17,000. Antoine Folse, Vacherie; (225) 265-3887.

24' WW gooseneck cattle trailer, new floor, 3-axles, metal top, good cond., \$3000. Ralph Robinson, Ida; (318) 284-3530.

Wood wheel cart for small & mini horses, very showy, w/extra rubber wheels & harness, new, never used, nice, \$700/all. David Reinhart, Simpson; (337) 383-6108.

2001 Gooseneck trailer, 40', 3-dual axles, 3' removable sides & tailgate, ideal for hay, trees or nursery plants, \$7500. Howard Langston, Woodworth; (318) 473-8161.

8 x 20 Bumper pull flat bed trailer, \$950. Harry Trichel, Campti; (318) 476-2653.

1998 Sundowner 4-horse slant load gooseneck trailer, full width ramp, escape door, floor length stall dividers, good cond., \$12,000 obo. Keith Rush, Gonzales; (225) 647-4961.

1991 Sundowner, all aluminum 3-horse slant, w/camper package, gas/elec. refrigerator, microwave, hot/cold running water, cowboy-type shower, canopy, new a/c unit, many extras, \$18,000. Brad Vidrine, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4290.

(2) Horse-drawn passenger wagons, carry 20-25, top, bench on each side, wooden wheels, lights, sound system, ideal for group party, parades, etc., \$2500-\$3500. Gary Wimberly, Walker; (225) 664-7372.

Gooseneck horse/wagon trailer, 24' x 6' x 8', front 9' enclosed, w/cabinets & bed in nose, back 18' open for vehicles, back/side entry, elec. winch, \$5000. G. Wimberly, Walker; (225) 664-7372.

1992 16', 4-horse bumper-pull covered trailer, w/escape door, good cond., \$1600. Charles Poole, Columbia; (318) 649-6728.

2001 SH stock trailer, 20', good cond., \$4500. Billy Broussard, Jennings; (337) 824-2975.

2002 Circle W cattle trailer, like new, 6'8" x 24", (2) 7000 lb. axles, (2) cutting gates, \$5400 or trade for equal value. Marvin Smith, Krotz Springs; (337) 566-3676.

Pickup bed cover, 72" x 98" x 3' high, fiberglass Leer-Macho, \$150. Rutland Reeves, Kinder; (337) 639-2602.

2002 16' x 77", heavy pipe trailer, w/3' x 2' x 2' chain & binder box, like new, \$1099. Willie Hurst, Greensburg; (225) 222-6564.

3-Seater Amish horse-drawn carriage, white, w/red seats, used for weddings, blk. fold down top, \$5500; harness, \$350; Amish made wagon, \$1400. Jennifer Robinette, Pineville; (337) 523-9846 or (318) 452-7837.

1987 Shelby 2-horse trailer, 24', living quarters, \$7500 obo. Charles Domingue, Youngsville; (337) 856-6821.

Covered 4-wheel buggy, \$400. Barry Miller, Church Point; (337) 873-9440 or (337) 334-5225.

Miniature & pony carts, \$375; miniature & pony harness, \$1500. Danton Cunningham, Albany; (225) 567-9594.

FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

Husky 24' alum. module building, \$800; 500 bu. grain cart, \$1000; low-lift 17' pump, \$1500; low-lift 12' pump, \$1000. Doug Cox, Baton Rouge; (225) 241-9809 or (225) 753-8277.

(2) CP 1' air wrenches, \$250/1. Shawn Peck, Arnaudville; (337) 945-2700.

New small sand blaster, \$1750. J. L. Beasley, Baker; (225) 775-4355 or (225) 775-3362.

Round pen, constructed of fiberglass material, each panel is 5'x12', 50' rd. pen, w/o bow gate, \$995; add panels as needed for, \$77/1. Larry Fontenot, Lake Charles; (337) 855-0629.

Fiberglass farm gates, \$73/10'; \$79/12'. Deb Fontenot, Lake Charles; (337) 855-0629.

Several hundred ¾" sucker rods, \$8/1, at farm; \$9, del. T. L. Enright, Sr., Sicily Island; (318) 389-5395.

2 3/8" tubing, 75¢/ft.; 2 7/8" tubing, 80¢/ft.; 3 ½", 90¢/ft.; 7" casing, \$5/ft.; 8 5/8" casing, \$6/ft. Gene Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

Completely mobilized hydraulic conveyor belt, 18" width, 4 cyl. Wisconsin engine, reaches up 85'-150', folds up to tow behind pickup, \$3000 obo. W. C. Brister, Metairie; (504) 456-6530.

(100) or more used "T" posts, 48" in length, in good cond., 75¢/1 for (20) or more; 60¢/1 for (40) or more taken. Ed Dugas, Carencro; ead9743@louisiana.edu or (337) 896-4335.

Wooden cattle self-feeder, on skids, 6' & 8' long, never used, \$530- \$675; dump scale for grain, 600 bu. capacity per hr., 12-20 lbs. per dump, \$50. J. C. Landreneau, Ville Platte; (337) 363-6088.

Used cattle guards, 8' x 14', made of 2 7/8" drill stems, \$450/1; 1" sch. 40 blk. pipe, 38¢/ft. E. H. Welch, Kentwood; (985) 229-8590.

4000 Sq./ft. shade cloth for greenhouse, \$400. Darien Milton, Hammond; (225) 567-5817.

Heartwood comm., portable diesel band saw, 2-way cut, 6" dbl. edged blade, 80 hp Perkins tandem axles, 500 hrs., \$29,500. Herbert M. LeJeune, Oakdale; (337) 639-2953.

Steel structural pipe, 4" OD, 30'-44' long, \$2/ft.; 4 ½" & 5" OD, 31' long, \$3/ft. F. E. Van Hook, Arcadia; (318) 263-2307.

2003 6.5 hp Poulan pro rear-tine tiller, like new, used twice, \$750. Donald Jeansonne, Alexandria; (318) 445-8917.

3' x 8' Drag harrow, built on 3 pt. hitch, w/2 3/8" pipe, 2-rows of teeth on bottom, good for rd. pens or greens, \$250. Larry Duhon, Kaplan; (337) 652-6200.

Galvanized sq. tubing, 2 ¼" x 2 ¼", 91¢/ft.; 2 ½" x 2 ½", \$1/ft.; 2" x 3", 95¢/ft.; 7/8" x 7/8", 30¢/ft. Colton Terrell, Kentwood; (985) 514-0722.

Seeder/fert. distributor, tailgate mount for ATV or pickup truck, \$150; shop lift, 2-ton, like new, \$100; JD trail gator, w/cab, \$3850. R. LaBorde, Hessmer; (318) 563-4566.

New galv. pens, 40' rd. pen, \$575; 50' rd. pen, \$675; 60' rd. pen, \$775; 80' rd., \$1030, all are galv. & have 6' ride thru gate; 5' x 10' panels, \$40/1. Carl Barlow, Pride; (225) 603-5610.

276# Anvil, at least 80 yrs., in excel. cond., \$750. Doug Luke, Folsom; (985) 796-0570.

Sausage stuffer, cast iron, 1 ½-gal., \$225; 2-gal., \$250, cash. Curtis Stelly, Fordoche; (225) 637-3375 or (225) 625-4580.

Log splitter, for 3 pt. hook up, will split any size log, \$450. J. McKean, Greensburg; (225) 222-6020.

New galv. panels, w/mud boots, 40' rd. pen, \$525; 50' rd. pen, \$640; 60' rd. pen, \$795; all include 4' bow gate. Michael Passman, Amite; (985) 748-5094.

"Big Horn" black parade saddle, 15" seat, lots of silver & tapaderos, w/matching silver breast

collar, excel. cond., \$400; new black McClellan officer's saddle, \$300. Ed Durr, Jr., Amite; (985) 748-5556.

Platform scales, good cond., 1000 lbs., \$250. James Mercer, Winnfield; (318) 628-4344.

Brand new leather English chaps, \$40; wall mount saddle rack, \$10; English seat saver, saddle cushion, \$5; Australian saddle pad, \$10; Western bridle, w/reins, bit & curb, \$10. Debby Sharbaugh, Ethel; (225) 683-4919.

2002 Kawasaki mule, 3 cyl. diesel, 4 wd, excel. cond., \$8900. Jeff Martin, Baker; (225) 921-1010 or (225) 261-4544.

1997 JD 4x2 gator, runs well, no rust, (2) new seats, \$3000 obo. Gene Jackson, Meraux; (504) 279-9567.

New, custom-made, imported from France Anternes, 17" jump saddle, grain, sells for, \$2950, will take, \$2650. Leanna Meaux, New Orleans; (504) 283-8105.

"Plow horse" garden plow, large back wheel, 5 hp Briggs motor, excel. cond., \$300. Sam Ward, Farmerville; (318) 368-8972.

Quincy industrial air compressor, model 325-14-962329-L, 4 ½ x 2 ½ x 3, 220 elec. motor, 10 hp, \$850. Bernard Mayeux, Bunkie; (318) 876-3630.

Air compressor, 185cfm Ingersoll Rand, \$3500. Mike Towns, Arcadia; (318) 263-3000.

(5) Greenhouses, 100' x 33', \$1000/1. Douglass Milazzo, Labadieville; (985) 526-8943.

New Courbette Marshal Special II, ½ suede, all purpose dressage, deep seat, 18", (2) tone tan, sells for,

\$1250, will take, \$1250. Tara Allen, New Orleans; (504) 382-1666.

Name brand roping saddles, excel. cond., \$300/1-up. Charles Casanova, Holden; (225) 294-2585.

60', 3" pipe building truss, 9' peak, ready to put up, have 60' x 100' to show, (6) pieces, \$950/1 loaded. Thomas Billeaud, Maurice; (337) 319-1814.

500-600 solid metal rods, ¾" & 1 ¼", of which 90% are 30' long, including about 350 1 ¼ x 7 ½ ft. long, may be used for fences, corals, pens, etc., \$500/all. Ferbie Bearb, Lafayette; (337) 234-3349.

Homemade head gate, heavy-duty, \$25. Delos Thompson, Folsom; (985) 796-9872.

Wanted: garden tiller, in good cond. E. J. Flanagan, Hammond; (985) 345-1498.

Wanted: hydraulic log splitter, for firewood, w/bad motor or trac. drives. J. W. Willis, Elm Grove; (318) 747-0079.

Wanted: squeeze chute, cattle panels, cattle feeders & hay rings. Norman Young, Mamou; (337) 258-4461.

Wanted: used hog, sheep, goat wire or close to it. B. Miller, Scott; (337) 234-3464.

Wanted: sewing machine for feed sacks, must be in good cond. & reasonably priced. George Lanclos, Opelousas; (337) 948-9396.

Wanted: 16" Western saddle, good cond., for trail riding. H. Stephenson, Bueche; (225) 627-4348.

Wanted: diesel engine, around 35 hp, w/6" pump, preferably on a trailer. Floyd Primeaux, Mermentau; (337) 783-5883.

FROM THE FARM

Please include a statement along with your ad indicating how the item has been or can be used on a farm.

1903 Eagle stove, w/water bin & bread warmer, converted to 4-burner elec., \$1500. Carl Juneau, Ponchatoula; (225) 294-2439.

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

Acadiana Bird Club will host the 22nd biannual bird fair March 6 & 7 at the Heymann Performing Arts & Convention Center, 1373 South College Road, Lafayette, Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Exotic tropical birds will be on display for viewing, purchase or learning information about. For more information, contact Carol Zerringue at (337) 332-3134 or Grace Vincent at (337) 364-0113.

Sixth Annual Jonquil Jubilee historic home & garden tour will be held March 6 in Gibsland. Tickets may be purchased for \$5 prior to the Jonquil Jubilee at the Gibsland Bank & Trust or the Gibsland Grill. Tickets will also be available the day of the tour at Sylvan Retreat and downtown. For more information, contact Holly at (318) 843-6228.



COOKERY

Mardi Gras Time

Mardi Gras Spinach

1 10 oz. package frozen spinach
1/4 cup sliced button mushrooms
2 tsp.s instant minced onion
1 1/2 tbsps. butter
Salt and pepper to taste

Place all ingredients in a casserole dish and cover. Bake at 375 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes. Stir casserole ingredients before serving. Serves 3 to 4 persons.

Dad's Mardi Gras

2 lbs. peeled & deveined shrimp (20-21 count)
2 qts. oysters
4 oz. butter
1 cup diced red peppers
1 cup diced tomatoes
1/4 cup chopped parsley
1/2 cup fine cut green onions
1 tbsp. chopped garlic
1 tsp. dry basil
1 cup white vermouth
Salt, pepper and lemon juice
1/2 tsp. flour and 1/2 tsp. butter mixed together into paste

Dad's Mardi Gras

Saute' shrimp and oysters in butter for 3 minutes over high heat. Add red peppers, tomatoes, green onions, chopped garlic, basil, salt, pepper, lemon juice and vermouth. Cook for 3-4 minutes on high heat. Add flour/butter paste and stir it with a whisk. Turn heat to low and cook 2 minutes. Add parsley. Serve with rice. For variety and taste, you may add oregano or dill.

Coming Your Way



News around the nation

Agriculture & Forestry issues from across the 50 states

Saddle club hosts open horse show

The South Louisiana Saddle Club is holding its 2004 Winter Classic open horse show at 1 p.m. Sat., Feb. 28, at Churchill Arena in Westwego.

Entry fees are \$7 or 6/\$35. Twelve buckles and rosettes will be awarded.

For more information, contact Dudley Hartz at (504) 436-8145 or see the Web site, www.southlouisianasaddleclub.com.

March trail ride

The 5th annual Whiskey Chitto ride will be held March 3-6 beginning at 8 a.m. each day.

The ride is designed for wagons and teams, but horseback riders are also welcome. Camping space will be available.

The ride starts nine miles west of Oberlin at Baggett Road and La. Hwy. 26.

For more information, contact Ben Baggett at (337) 639-2086.

Angus female sale

The Louisiana Angus Association will hold its annual Angus Female Sale at noon, Saturday, March 13 at the Dean Lee Research Station in Alexandria.

Sixty lots of quality Angus pairs and bred or open heifers will be available.

For more information, contact American Livestock Brokers at (662) 837-4904 or www.americanlivestockbrokers.com.

Assoc. holds sale

The Louisiana Polled Hereford Association Bayou Classic Sale will be held at noon Sat., March 20, at John M. Parker Coliseum in Baton Rouge.

Fifty lots of bulls, heifers, cow-calf pairs and F1 females will be available for sale. Cattle can be viewed after 2 p.m. Fri., March 19.

For more information, contact Dr. Ronnie Bardwell at (225) 222-4136 or rbardwell@agctr.lsu.edu.

Bull sale in March

The Louisiana Bull Testing Association and the LSU AgCenter will host the 43rd Performance Tested Bull Sale beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at the show barn at Dean Lee Research Station in Alexandria.

Lunch will be served at noon.

All bulls for sale will be performance evaluated and screened. About 25-35 bulls of several breeds will be available, including yearlings and a few 16-18 month olds.

For more information, contact Danny Coombs at (318) 473-6528.

Idaho dairy becomes first to report air emissions

An Idaho dairy, faced with the threat of a suit by the Idaho Conservation League, has filed a report on its emissions to the Environmental Protection Agency.

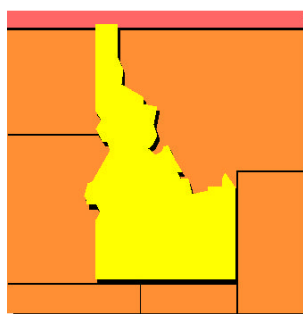
The league threatened to sue Hank Hafliger if he did not report emissions from his Desert Rose Farms dairy to the EPA.

The conservation group contends that dairies are subject to the same requirement as other industries to report their emissions if they produce more than 100 pounds of pollutants daily. The dairy industry contends it is exempt from the requirement.

Hafliger maintains he was not required to file the report, but felt filing it was the best thing to do in this case.

The league says that by its calculations, dairies with 450 or more cows should be required to report emissions.

The reports would give the public access to information about pollutants in their neighborhoods, league member Justin Hayes said. Desert Rose operates with more



than 8,000 cows, according to its state nutrient management plan.

The dairy reported nearly 435 pounds of ammonia emissions daily from two of its largest facilities — a

waste storage basin and a heifer lot.

A report prepared by consultants Dairy Strategies LLC of Madison, Wis., concluded the dairy produces about 13 pounds of hydrogen sulfide.

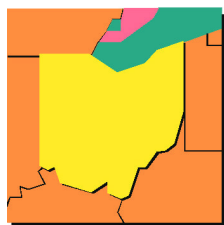
Both hydrogen sulfide and ammonia can cause eye and respiratory irritation. They are natural products of manure.

The Conservation League wants Idaho to require Clear Air Act permits for new dairies and has launched a similar effort targeting the pending K&W Dairy expansion in Gooding County. This effort would require dairies with more than 2,300 cows to obtain air permits before opening.

Hafliger said this issue is another limiting factor to the industry's growth in Idaho, perhaps prompting producers to choose other states to establish businesses.

Market lambs disqualified in Ohio

Ohio Agriculture Director Fred L. Dailey announced plans in January to disqualify junior fair market lambs shown at the 2003 Ohio State Fair and Delaware County Fair.



Dailey will also order the three owners to forfeit awards, prizes, premiums and proceeds earned from the show after department officials confirmed their animals tested positive for ractopamine (known by the trade name Paylean®), a performance-enhancing nutritional supplement

not approved for use in sheep.

The following exhibitors' market lambs tested positive for ractopamine:

Ryan Daulton, 18, of Georgetown showed the grand champion market lamb at the Ohio State Fair last year.

Elizabeth Shellhouse, 18, of Delaware showed the third place market lamb at the Ohio State Fair.

Emily Shellhouse, 11, of Delaware showed the grand champion market lamb at the 2003 Delaware County Fair in September.

All three exhibitors purchased feed manufactured by Rowe Premix, Inc. of West Manchester. Ractopamine was confirmed in the batch of feed purchased by

Daulton. The company is under investigation by the department in connection with this case for mislabeling and adulterating commercial feed, violations of the Ohio Feed Law (Section 923.51 of the Ohio Revised Code).

The exhibitors have 30 days from the date of the Director's notice to request a hearing.

Species other than swine and beef cattle are not permitted to be fed Paylean under state and federal rules. ODA, in consultation with FDA, has determined these cases did not pose a food safety risk.

The rest of the 2003 Ohio State Fair champions passed ODA screenings for unapproved substances.

N.J. saves record amount of farmland

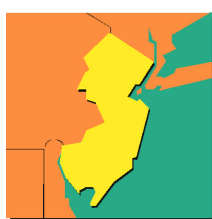
New Jersey Gov. James E. McGreevey announced in early January that a record 20,000 acres of New Jersey farmland was preserved in 2003, meeting a goal set in his State of the State address last January.

The Governor also announced the state has reached a major milestone in its 20-year history of farmland preservation with the preservation of the 1,000th farm.

"Last year, we set an ambitious goal of preserving 20,000 acres of farmland a year," said McGreevey.

"In 2003, we saved 55 acres of farmland every day from the threats of overdevelopment and sprawl," said McGreevey.

The Governor made the announcement at the 145-acre Boxwood Farm in Manalapan, Monmouth County. The State Agriculture Development Committee purchased the develop-



ment rights to the horse farm on December 11, 2003, making it the 1,000th farm preserved in New Jersey. Since then, 51 additional farms have been preserved.

Taylor Palmer Jr. has owned Boxwood Farm since 1953. He operates a full-service standardbred breeding operation where he has about 125 horses.

Since the Farmland Preservation Program was established in 1983, 1,051 farms covering 120,115 acres have been permanently preserved statewide.

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Getting people to care about Louisiana's coastal loss is the big challenge said Williams. He thinks Mr. Bill will help to attract that audience.

"All anyone has to do if they live in Louisiana is drive down La. 23. They'll see the problem when they drive from Buras to the mouth of the

river. There's open water on both sides of the road," Williams said.

"We're trying to reach a national audience because it's going to take a big effort to do anything about this problem. The point of having Mr. Bill involved is that he's nationally and internationally recognized. It's so hard to compete for people's atten-

tion these days. Mr. Bill is something that sticks out. Hopefully they'll read a little more and think about it. That's the plan."

You can learn more about Williams and Mr. Bill and view or purchase Williams' video, "New Orleans - The Natural History" at www.mrbill.com.

Cotton industry,

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employed at the closed Louisiana apparel plants in Port Barre, St. Martinville and New Iberia to understand what China has wrought.

"It's the Wal-Mart effect, I call it," Jernigan said. "Consumers in the United States want it cheaper, cheaper, cheaper, and everyone's driven to find whoever is the most competitive manufacturer."

"China is proving to be one of the most competitive and efficient textile producers and manufacturers in the world."

The USDA's Johnson delivered the numbers. "China's consumption exceeds its production for the fifth year in a row. Two years ago they had to import three million bales to meet their demand. Last year they imported seven million bales."

For Louisiana farmers, Johnson said, the China imports made it "Your Bingo-card year. You hit it big."

Backing up Jernigan's "Wal-Mart effect" comment, Johnson said, "China exported \$10 billion dollars worth of clothes into the U.S. last year and most of that was U.S. cotton" that was grown here, sent to China where it was spun into cloth, sewn into clothes and sent back to the U.S.

For the first time in 2003, China displaced Mexico as the No. 1 producer of clothing purchased by U.S. consumers. More than 50 percent of the clothing imported into the U.S. last year came from China, Johnson said.



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With a quarter of the world's population and 'breathtaking economic expansion,' China, for the foreseeable future, is the lead dog pulling agriculture's sled here and around the globe.

Cotton's China Syndrome

The breakout year enjoyed by Louisiana cotton farmers coupled with the impact China is having on the fortunes of U.S. and Louisiana cotton took center stage in discussions at two major farmer meetings recently.

"It's phenomenal how much more excited everyone is this year than last," said Boyd Holley, president of the Louisiana Cotton Producers Association at the annual meeting.

In 2003, Louisiana cotton farmers produced 1.015 million bales of cotton, a 37 percent increase over 2002. Yield was 955 pounds per acre, 127 pounds more than the previous record of 828 pounds set in 1991.

In an informal survey of cotton farmers attending the annual cotton producers meeting, farmers from all cotton regions predicted 15 percent to 25 percent more acreage going into cotton in 2004 than in 2003.

"China is the single most important topic when discussing anything to do with cotton on the world scene," Ed Jernigan, chairman and CEO of Globecot News Network, told the cotton producers.

"China's breathtaking economic expansion has significantly increased the country's consumption of almost every major industrial commodity. In many

categories, China is now the number one consumer," Jernigan said.

In no area is China's appetite for a world commodity more voracious than in cotton. The world consumes about 97 million bales of cotton each year. China last year consumed 31.5 million bales of that. China's Gross Domestic Product was up 8 percent, its retail domestic cotton use up 19.5 percent and its yarn production up 17 percent, Jernigan said.

In another farmer meeting, USDA economist James W. Johnson told farmers at the LSU AgOutlook Conference, "China is the big boy on the block. If I had a dollar for every time I said China in the speech I'm about to give you, I could pay for this trip."

In recent years no economy in the world has grown as rapidly as China's.

Although China's farmers grow a lot of cotton in their own right, they have a population of 1.5 billion, about a quarter of the world's total, to clothe. That population plus its textile industry's recent emergence as the planet's seamstress, has made China by far the world's largest importer of cotton.

"The Chinese have been dramatically expanding domestic textile consumption. Think about the population of China," Jernigan said. "The average take home pay of the Chinese worker is increasing every month. In 2003 the average expenditures on textile apparel by a Chinese citizen grew at the rate of 15 to 20 percent."

But it's not just clothing its own. You can ask the thousands of displaced workers at shuttered plants in the major textile producing states along the east coast or the several thousand workers formerly

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James Johnson



Global outlook shaped by China, S. America

Following on the heels of an outstanding year in Louisiana agriculture, several commodity experts at LSU's AgOutlook Conference took a look at what the coming year may hold for some of the state's major crops, other than cotton.

Rice

Because the price of rice has been so depressed, (five years ago a hundred pounds of rice was selling for \$10, last year it was selling for \$3.60), farmers took huge amounts of acreage out of rice. Total U.S. rice supplies are down nine percent and exports are down 22 percent. In 1999, Louisiana rice farmers planted 609,000 acres of rice. The 2003 figure was 455,000 acres.

Nathan Childs, USDA economist, told farmers at the AgOutlook conference, "This is one of the few times I'm able to give a bullish outlook on rice." Reduced plantings have put significant upward pressure on price. The price was in the mid-\$3 range in 2003. By January, 2004, it was \$8.30 a hundredweight. Another positive indicator for rice is that the per capita consumption of rice in the U.S. continues to climb at 2 percent a year.

But although the price has rebounded, Childs says it probably won't hold as more farmers, chasing the higher price, elect to put additional acreage into rice in 2004.

Soybeans

In 2003, Louisiana's 34-bushels-per-acre average yield was the first time ever that the Louisiana average bested the national average which in 2003 was 33.4 bushels per acre, said Kurt Guidry, LSU AgCenter economics professor.

"This is the first time since 1997 that I have been able to give a positive outlook talk on soybeans and feed grains," Guidry said.

The 2003 scenario "came together perfectly. There were low soybean stocks coming into the season, bad weather in the major soybean growing

states in the Midwest and strong demand both domestically and for export," Guidry said. The confluence of factors lead to a price increase of nearly \$3 a bushel, from the \$5 range last year to \$8 a bushel this year.

Again, China figures heavily into the world and U.S. price mix. China is projected to

import 22 million tons of soybeans, up from 10 million tons last year.

In Louisiana, total planted acreage at 760,000 was down 5 percent from 2002. But yield at 34 bushels an acre broke the previous Louisiana record of 33 bushels set in 2001.

With Argentina and Brazil continuing to add large acreages of soybeans to their production figures, the expectation is huge global production next year resulting in a price drop from \$8-plus a bushel to the mid-\$6 range.

Corn

World corn supplies have fallen in each of the last four years. Exports from Argentina, Brazil and China all dropped significantly, Guidry said.

The impact has been an increase in U.S. exports. The export figure coupled with continued increased domestic use of corn has put a strong floor of about \$2.40 a bushel under the price. Several years ago, corn was selling in the \$2.10 a bushel range.

Two factors have bolstered domestic consumption: the continued growth of corn use in the ethanol motor fuel market and the continued expansion of poultry and hog operations, where corn is the major feed source.

Louisiana corn farmers harvested 134 bushels of corn per acre from 520,000 acres in 2003. The yield was a record, up 12 bushels over 2002.



Nathan Childs